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Plutonium Traffic

Linked to Pakistan

Papers Discovered in Berlin Raids Pertain to Shipments, Police Say

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

BERLIN - Policemen raided apartments throughout Berlin on Wednesday and found evidence suggesting that smugglers were planning to ship or had shipped cootraband plutonium to Pakistan, a, spokesman for the Berlin State Justice

Frank Thiel, the ministry spokesman, said no arrests were made and that no radioactive material had been seized hut that documents found in some apartments had created the "suspicion that plutonium has been transported to Pakistan or that a transport was about to be made."

The news came as President Boris N. Yeltsin of Russia pledged to cooperate fully with Bonn in the light to thwart a trade io highly radioactive plutonium-239 and enriched uranium, used in the making of ouclear weapons.

Mr. Thiel said seven apartments and offices were raided by about 30 officers and prosecutors and that a Pakistani national, two Poles and a German, believed to be the ringleader, were uoder investigation. The four were released after question-

He said that no radioactive substance or trace of radioactivity was found hut that the documents "strengthened" the suspicions. He would oot comment on the suspected source of the plutonium shipment. or on its size, saying that that could endanger the investigations.

The Berlin daily Die Welt said maps and documents relating to the transport of plutonium by car and also a passport containing Pakistani visas had been found.

Pakistan, as well as India, is one of several countries believed to have a ouclear

German policemen have seized four caches of weapons-grade nuclear material since May. The seizures, ootably 350 grams of plutonium-239 discovered last week in Munich, have prompted the Clintoo administratioo to demand that Russia tighten cootrol of nuclear weapons componeuts so the material does not fall into the hands of terrorists.

In Washington, the State Department said Wednesday that President Bill Clin-too would press Mr. Yeltsin at a summit meeting next month to prevent smuggling of nuclear materials. The department

spokesman, Michael McCurry, said the-United States viewed the matter as having "high priority" on the agenda of the talks.

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In a televisioo ioterview on Wednesday night, Chancellor Helmut Kohl asked Mr. Yeltsin to take stronger measures to ensure that radioactive materials are not secreted out of Russian nuclear plants.

"Now we have to tell our Russian friends, 'You must guarantee that these possibilities for theft are reduced as much as possible," Mr. Kohl said in an inter-view on SAT-1 television. "We are not talking about car theft here. We're talking about dangers that are far different."

Peter Struck, a German lawmaker, said security authorities believed that former

International inspectors find Russia's gigantic nuclear industry in a state of chaos. Page 4.

agents of the KGB and the East German intelligence service, called the Stasi, had a

hand in the underground trade. Mr. Struck, a Social Democrat, said that suspicion was imparted by Bernd Schmidbauer, Mr. Kohl's top intelligence aide,

during a closed-door session of a parliamentary committee Wednesday. But in Russia, nuclear officials insisted Wednesday that there was oo evidence linking Russia to plutonium seized in Germany, and they said that they were unable

to offer help until German investigators let them in on the investigation. "So far, we haven't got any official in-formation on what kind of materials they found," said Vitali Nasonov, a Nuclear Power Ministry spokesman.

"As soon as we have detailed information, we're open to any cooperation," Mr. Nasooov said. "We can analyze the samples and compare them with the radioactive materials produced at our plants." He added that the ministry would work with German specialists expected to arrive

A well-placed German government official said Wednesday that a minuscule amount of plutonium-239 seized Friday at the Bremen train station could have come from anywhere in Eastern Europe. But the official said the makeup of the larger amounts of plutonium that have been seized indicated Russian origin.



French troops preparing Wednesday to hand over their Rwandan peacekeeping responsibilities to forces from Ghana in the "safe zone" in Gikongoro.

Fear Overtakes Tutsi as French Prepare Pullout

By Keith Richburg

NYARUSHISHI CAMP, Rwanda — With France vowing to pull out its troops by Monday, fear has gripped the thousands of Tutsi families who sought protection here in the "humanitarian safe zone" under French protection in southwest Rwanda.

"The militia is still here," said Silas Munyankindi, a 32-year-old father of two, scanning the lush green hills and tea plantations that surround this guarded camp. The leaders have already left. But the ones with the

machetes are still out there."

[Ignoring pleas from the United States to k troops here for a lew more weeks to stabilize the situation. France made its first significant withdrawal from the safe zone on Wednesday, handing over to African UN troops the delicate task of persuading terrified refu-

gees to stay put, Renters reported.
[About 130 soldiers of France's Operation Turquoise left the town of Gikongoro, while control of about a third of the safe zone was transferred to United Nations peacekeepers from Ghana. Washington bad wanted the French troops to stay in the safe zone until several thousand African soldiers are in place to assume their peacekeeping role.]

Like many of the 14,000 members of Rwanda's Tutsi minority camped here, Mr. Munyankindi came from the nearby town of Cyangugu, where he and thousands of into a sports stadium with little food or water, waiting for their turn to die at the bands of government soldiers and militiamen from the country's large Hutu majority.

While relief workers stood by helplessly, army troops repeatedly entered the stadium during April and May, accompanied by local government officials, reading off the names of Tutsi who had been singled out that day for execution.

"They came in and took out the people to be killed," Mr. Munyankindi said. "They took the husinessmen, and the intellectuals. They had a list organized by commune." When it was his turn to die, he said, he had friends bury

him beneath the ground, leaving only his nose visible above the earth to allow him to breathe. And there he stayed for 20 minutes while the troops searched the stadium to take our to his death.

About I million people, mostly Tutsi, are estimated to See RWANDA, Page 4

Treasury Aide Quits in Whitewater Affair

WASHINGTON - Deputy Treasury Secretary Roger C. Aliman, accused of misleading Congress with his Whitewater testimony, resigned Wednesday and said he hoped his action would "help to diminish the controversy." The Treasury's senior lawyer, Jean E. Hanson, also is expected to

step down.

Mr. Altman is the highest-ranking member of the Clinton administration to guit in the Whitewater affair, which stems from a real estate venture involving President Bill-Clinton and his wife, Hillary, and the own-

er of a failed Arkansas savings and loan. Mr. Altman, in a letter to Mr. Clinton, said of his resignation: "Under the circumstances, this is the proper step to take." He.

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House May Delay

Health Bill Votes

WASHINGTON (AP) - As Sen-

ate Republicans prepared to offer amendments to a health reform bill in their chamber, the House majority leader, Richard A. Gephardt, said Wednesday that he probably would be the probably would be

put off House votes on its version until after Labor Day, Sept. 5.

Mr. Gephardt told House Democrats to expect no votes next week.

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added. "I regret any mistakes or errors of the president's budget package through judgment I may have made."

Mr. Clinton wrote in reply: "I believe you have taken the right step under the circumstances."

The White House press secretary, Dee Dee Myers, rejected suggestions that Mr. Altman was forced to quit. "This was Rog-er Altman's decision," she said.

The president has publicly supported Mr. Altman, but his aides have privately pressed for the resignation.

A former Wall Street investment banker, Mr. Altman is a close friend of Mr. Clinton's from their days at Georgetown University. He became a leading figure in the administration when he helped steer Congress last year.

Earlier in the week, the administration floated the name of Frank N. Newman, undersecretary of treasury for domestic finance, as a possible replacement for Mr.

Ms. Hanson, whose Whitewater testimony contradicted that of Mr. Altman and Treasury Secretary Lloyd Bentsen, has told colleagues that she will resign, but not

Ms. Hansoo testified that Mr. Altman had ordered her to brief the White House about the confidential Whitewater investigation. Mr. Altman has said he did not

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CHINESE HAT TRICK - Chinese soldiers balancing their caps upside down during a military training exercise Wednesday at a Beifing barracks.

A Report Sure to Peeve the Pope

UN Group Campaigns for Greater Birth Control

By Julia Preston

Washington Past Service
UNITED NATIONS, New York — The number of humans on earth is increasing faster than ever and will reach 8.5 billion by the year 2050, severely straining the planet's resources, unless the rate is slowed, according to a United Nations world population report issued Wednes-

day.

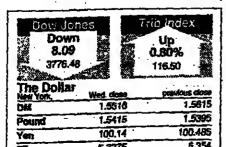
But in a departure, the UN Population
Fund said in its annual report that the way to bring down the growth rate is to educate and empower women so they can decide how to control their own fertility.

Instead of the bland roster of statistics of past UN reports, this one was a broadsheet of the views that the United Nations and many governments, including the

Clinton administration, will do battle for against the Roman Catholic Church and some conservative Muslim groups at the UN population conference that opens Sept. 5 in Cairo.

The report insists that allowing women to control their fertility and have small families is key to overall development, an argument that is anathema to Catholic leaders who oppose medical birth control and welcome large families.

The document makes clear why the United Nations conference is shaping up as a frontal clash between feminists worldwide and the Vatican. "The invisibility of women as individuals, as opposed to their roles as wives or mothers, may be coming See BIRTHS, Page 4



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In China, Millions of Lonely Guys Can't Find a Girl

By Philip Shenon New York Times Service

BEIJING - In the free markets of the new China, young men are coming to realize that there is something even more precious than a new car, an electronic pager or

a Swiss-made watch. That precious something, an unmarried woman, is becoming harder and harder to find.

There are not nearly enough of them, a situation that is creating anguish for millions of men and has at least the potential of revolutionizing the status of women in this

traditionally male-dominant society.

What sort of woman do I want?" responded Xu Wenyuan, a lonely 30-year-old who agreed to dress up in a sky-blue satin suit and warble a few bars of "Song for the Motherland" on a TV matchmaking show in Beijing. "It doesn't matter."

If he had hoped to prove his desperatioo in the search for a wife, Mr. Xu succeeded in those two minutes in front of the cameras. "Women are so hard to find now." he explained. "And I just want one."

For Mr. Xu and other Chinese men in search of love. the offerings of the Chinese State Statistical Bureau are heartbreaking. The 1990 census showed that of a popula-tion of 1.2 billion, about 205 million over the age of 15 are single. And of them, there are oearly three men for two

A three-to-two ratio might seem had enough to most men. But the numbers suggest that the situation becomes far, far hleaker for a man the looger he stays unmarried. The figures show that while the vast majority of Chioese adults marry by the time they turn 30, 8 million people in their 30s were still single in 1990. And in that age group, the men outnumbered the women by nearly 10

There is an ugly explanation for the relative scarcity of unmarried women: the desire of Chinese couples for boys at almost any cost.

The preference for boys has meant that millioos of girls have not survived to adulthood because of poor nutrition. inadequate medical care, desertion and even murder at the hands of their parents.

China's strict rule of one child per family, imposed in the late 1970s and meant to defuse a population time bomb, has only worsened the insistence oo having male heirs. Ultrasound machines and ready access to abortion have made it relatively simple for parents to guarantee that their ooe child is a boy.

But after generations of tampering with nature, nature has begun to exact its revenge. And this time, the victims are Chinese men. The numbers suggest that tens of millions of men at the turn of the century will be lifelong bachelors because there will not be enough women.

"Of the young people who come into this office, at least 70 percent are men," said Li Xiao Tong, a Beijing social See MARRY, Page 4

The New Breed Of Terrorist Scorns Fame

By Joseph Fitchett

PARIS — In giving up "Carlos the Jack-al" to the West, Sudan — and presumably like-minded Muslim forces in Iran. Egypt and Algeria — were not disavowing terror-ism but simply discarding an instrument that had become a liability. American and Middle Eastern officials said Wednesday.

History caught up with Carlos almost a decade ago, leaving behind a generation of flamboyant operatives who thrived on Western-style charisma and Arah fascination with Marxist-oriented, anti-colonialist doctrines of revolution. That era produced mixed results for Arab countries, opening the way to Islamic fundamentalism -and a new breed of militant, according to these specialists.

Stepping into the shoes of a generation of terrorist stars, the coming wave of Mid-dle Eastern extremists tend to be faceless Muslim zealots, anonymous killers who undertake what are in effect suicide mis-

Resembling other terrorists in their readiness to kill innocent people, these fanatics—strongest in Iran, Sudan, Algeria and Egypt—cultivate puritanical lifestyles and anonymous terrorism, a combioation with religious overtones to people steeped in Islamic traditions of martyr-

"For Muslims, they touch a chord similar to the spirit of anonymous sacrifice we revere in monuments to the unknown sol-

dier," a U.S. government specialist said.

Nothing could be farther from the cool style of Carlos, who was captured Sunday in Sudan and flown to France.

Carlos thrived oo a personality cult. But

his credentials, almost as much as his reputation for fast living, are anothema to Islamic fundamentalists, who feel that salvatioo depends on eliminating Western influences in their own countries. Instead of personal charisma, they

thrive on anonymity. International headlines about skyjackings or the assassination of celebrities interest them very little; notoriety about themselves, oot at all. Their political strategy is based on being religious activists in their national community and climinating proponents of Western values, physically if necessary, to clear the way for fundamentalist social revolu-

The traits of today's terrorists contrast in crucial ways with their notorious predecessors. One official said. "These people don't need the technical sophistication which Carlos was supposed to offer, and they don't want mercenaries."

Another added, "Their people can kill See CARLOS, Page 4

Relentless Italian Judges Smell More and More Bribery

By William Drozdiak

MILAN - Italy's "revolution of the judges" appears poised to enter a new phase that could imperil some of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi's closest allies and provoke fresh alarm about the fate of the country, according to judicial and political sources.

Thirty months after crusading magistrates started to unravel a system of kickbacks for government contracts - revelations that brought down the country's postwar political establishment — the investigation is delving into new allegations of bribery and tax evasion involving top enterprises and members of the country's financial police.

At least 50 businessmen — including Mr. Berlusconi's younger brother, Paolo, who now is under house arrest - are under scrutiny in the latest wave of corruption charges. While they have been spared the humiliation of jail, the businessmen face intense pressure to give testimony that could expand the inquiry into new

Forza Italia party, said she feared the country book publishing and insurance.

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watch for violators.

that it be reopened to all traffic on Monday.

As the daily Die Welt of

Hamburg reports, the special

lane had already become

something of a mockery. Some people, horrowing an idea from America, traveled with

inflatable dummies. And a

bearse driver, when stopped

for traveling alone, pointed

out that there were two other

people in the vehicle -

though neither was in any par-

Slowly, tourists are return-

ticular hurry.

Around Europe

faced "a crisis of democracy" in the looming

A threat by the magistrates to resign in the face of a decree issued by Mr. Berlusconi last month that curtailed their powers of detention unleashed a torrent of public outrage that nearly toppled the government and forced the prime minister to withdraw the measure.

The immense powers and popularity of the Milan magistrates have started to raise questions about whether they have exceeded their constitu- the Milan magistrates, was cited as the most tional role to such an extent that Italy is hovering on the brink of an institutional crisis.

"We are only doing what the state pays us to do," said Gherardo Colombo, one of the four principal Milan magistrates. "How can there be a crisis of democracy when we are only uncovering wrongdoing based on evidence we find and

testimony given by private citizens?"

Mr. Colombo said in an interview that he estimated the Milan investigation was halfway through its prospective caseload. More than 4.000 businessmen, politicians and bureaucrats have been implicated in corruption schemes.

He refused to discuss pending cases, but other The burgeoning corruption cases could set the judicial sources said the prosecutors were pursustage for further conflicts between Italy's execuing cases that could soon lead to charges against tive and judicial branches this autumn. Tiziana. top executives of Mr. Berlusconi's \$7-billion-a-Parenu, a former Milan magistrate who quit to year Fininvest empire, which includes television join Parliament as a member of Mr. Berlusconi's stations, real estate, supermarkets, newspapers,

That step, in turn, would lead to a new test of wills between the judges and the prime minister, who won national elections in April, three months after be entered politics. He has not relinquished his vast business holdings.

After his retreat and subsequent offer to introduce compromise legislation on accusation due compromise legislation on accusation.

duce compromise legislation on preventive detention, opinion polls showed that Mr. Berlusconi's approval rating had fallen to 48 percent. Antonio Di Pietro, the most widely recognized of popular man in the country with an 85 percent approval rating, followed by Milan's chief prosecutor, Francesco Saverio Borrelli, with 67

But the judges, too, are confronting allegations about abuse of power. Human-rights advocates accuse the magistrates of using the threat of prison to extract confessions and of forcing peo-ple to languish in jail for months without being

Italian law allows prosecuting judges to imprison suspects for up to three months before sia and who was sentenced recercharging them if the judges believe there is a risk in prison on corruption charges. the suspects will tamper with evidence, flee the country or commit additional crimes.

Such incarceration has proved too much for some of Italy's fallen elite. Last year, Gabriele Cagliari, the powerful chairman of the giant energy conglomerate ENI, hanged himself in his jail cell after learning that his 40-day stay would

status" over fairness and justice.

The magistrate said that he, Mr. Di Pietro, Piercamillo Davigo and Francesco Greco offered to resign over the detention decree not because they wanted a political showdown with Mr. Berlusconi but because they saw it "strictly as a problem of conscience."

The decree would have abolished preventive detention for those accused of nonviolent crimes and corruption. As a result, more than 1,000 people were released from prison, including all politicians and businessmen embroiled in the payoff scandal.

It also would have banned extradition requests, such as one pending against Mr. Berlusconi's close friend Bettino Craxi, the former Socialist prime minister, who is in exile in Tunisia and who was sentenced recently to 81/2 years

The amended legislation put forward by the government will allow defendants in corruptionrelated cases to be subject to preventive detention of up to three mouths. None of those freed under Mr. Berlusconi's decree have been returned to jail, although they remain under house

Threaten

UN to Get

SARAJEVO, Bosma-Herze-govina — Bosman Serbs

stepped up pressure on the United Nations on Wednesday,

saying they could prevent con-voys from crossing their territo-

Fighting, meanwhile, flared

near Sarajevo in violation of a UN-mandated heavy weapons

exclusion zone.

Serbs said they would block
UN convoys through their territory beginning on Thursday un-

less peacekeepers band over fuel, according to a UN military spokesman, Major Rob An-

He said, "It is blackmail and

we will not comply. It doesn't matter how much they want.

We will not give them fuel."
Serbian and Muslim-led Bos-

nian Army forces traded shell-

ing attacks on Tuesday near

Breza north of Sarajevo, violat-

Fighting in the area almost provoked North Atlantic Trea-

ty Organization air strikes;

The Bosnian Serbs' move to

block convoys came two weeks

after their long-time patron,

Serb-led Yugoslavia, imposed a

blockade against them over

their rejection of the latest in-ternational peace plan. Major Annink said possible

fuel shortages caused by Bel-grade's blockade would be a "logical explanation" of the

Bosnian Serbs, under pres-

sure to accept the peace plan, have tested the UN's resolve in the past month, raiding UN

rajevo and shutting down the humanitarian airlift into the

city for weeks by shooting at

The commander of the Bos-

"We are like a snowball get-

ting bigger as it rolls down from the top of a hill," General Delic

told state television in Sarajevo.

"If things continue as they are,

the process of liberation will

General Delic warned of n ore war, telling Sarajevans their relatively sheltered exis-

tence, protected from Serbian

shelling by a NATO-enforced

cease-fire, would end as the

Muslims went on the offensive.

Serbs' latest demand.

UN planes.

against the Serbs.

nink said.

WORLD BRIEFS

Crowd Burns Nigerian Aide's Houses

LAGOS (AP) — Protesters firebombed two mansions belonging to Labor Minister Samuel Ogbemudia, witnesses said Wednesday, as government ministers and British diplomats in Lagos boosted their security and more police patrolled the streets.

On Tuesday night, a march against the military government by university students in Benin, 250 kilometers (150 miles) east of Lagos, was joined by other angry civilians. The crowd threw gasoline bombs at Mr. Ogbemudia's houses and watched them burn to the ground

burn to the ground.

Meanwhile, talks between Nigeria's striking oil unions and the military administration, which were due to be held on Wednesday, military administration, which were due to be held on the strong up failed to take place because the government side did not show up, union officials said.

5 Italians Face Trial for Racist Attack

ROME (Reuters) — Five Italians received suspended jail sentences on Wednesday for resisting arrest after they attacked a Senegalese beach vendor in a racist incident.

The police said three men and two women from Rome, all in their 20s, surrounded the Senegalese man and attacked him with broken bestless on a beach years the Sentings capital of Capital Company of the Senegalese man and attacked him with broken bestless on a beach years the Sentings capital of Capital Company of the Sentings o

broken bottles on a beach near the Sardinian capital of Cagliari on

The five will be tried at a later date for aggravated assault and for damaging state property, the Italian news agency ANSA reported, adding that they allegedly vandalized the jail cell they were kept in while being booked.

Walesa Vetoes Spy Post for Ex-Agent

Warsaw (Reuters) — President Lech Walesa asked the
government on Wednesday to revoke the appointment of a former
Communist-era superspy to head Poland's intelligence service, the
presidential office said.

It said Mr. Walesa was concerned that the appointment of
Marian Zacharski, who received a life sentence in 1981 in Los
Angeles for soving would harm Poland's relations with the West **Rebel Serbs**

Angeles for spying, would harm Poland's relations with the West.

Mr. Zacharski, who was appointed on Monday, is believed to
have intercepted secret plans of Hawk and Phoenix missiles and
those of the anti-missile system Patriot during his espionage
operations in the United States between 1975 and 1981. Following
his arrest and trial, he was exchanged in 1985 for Western agents caught in the then Soviet bloc. Fuel Supply

Opposition in India Ends Boycott

NEW DELHI (Reuters) — The Indian opposition ended its boycott of Parliament on Wednesday after the government backed down in a dispute over a \$1.28 billion financial scandal. Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao and members of his Congress (I) Party thumped their tables in welcome as the opposition returned after nearly three weeks. The scandal, which surfaced in 1992, involved banks and brokers accused of illegally diverting funds from government securities to the booming Bom-

bay Stock Exchange.

The opposition walked out over what it alleged was a government cover-up. The government had partly rejected recommenda-tions of an all-party parliamentary committee report on the scandal. The speaker of the lower house, Sivraj Patil, announced that the government had agreed to "revise, modify and resubmit" its position, paving the way for the end of the boycott.

Japanese Is Said to Admit Poaching VIADIVOSTOK, Russia — The wounded captain of a Japanese fishing boat has confessed that he and his crew were poaching in Russian waters before a patrol boat opened fire on them, a

Russian news agency reported Wednesday.

"The border guards found three boxes of fish aboard the boat, and the captain confessed they violated the law," Itar-Tass said. The captain, identified by Japanese authorities as Koichi Ikeura. 31, was hit by shell fragments. After surgery, he was taken to Sakhalin Island for further treatment and eventual trial, a Russian border guard official said.

Separately, a news report Wednesday quoted a Japanese Maritime Safety Agency official as saying that another Japanese fishing boat had been fired on near the Kurils by what was

ing the 20-kilometer (12-mile) UN weapons exclusion zone around the capital, Major Ansuspected to be a Russian Coast Guard vessel.

Riot in Lesotho as King Bars Cabinet
JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Angry that the king dissolved the
elected government, thousands of people protested Wednesday in front of the royal palace in Lesotho. Troops fired at the crowd, and four people were reportedly killed.

The violence in Lesotho, a small independent state surrounded by South Africa, began after supporters of the ousted government began throwing stones, the South African Press Association said. Police and soldiers answered with gunfire. The agency, citing police, said at least four people were killed and 10 wounded. King Letsie IIf said on state radio early Wednesday that he was dissolving the cabinet of Prime Minister Ntsu Mokhehle, the

country's first democratically elected government in 23 years. The decision appeared to be a maneuver to hand power to his father, former King Moshoeshoe II.

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CLASS MARKET

Israel and Jordan Join on Tourism

SEDOM, Israel, (AP) — The tourism ministers of Israel and Jordan agreed Wednesday to jointly promote American tourism

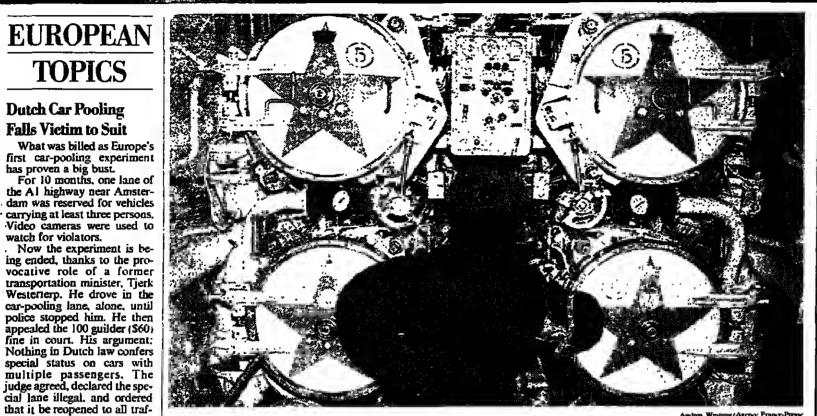
"I've ordered my commission in New York to be in touch with the Jordanian commission in order to plan things for both of us," the Israeli tourism minister, Uzi Baram, said after meeting with

his Jordanian counterpart, Mohammed Adwan.
It was the first time a Jordanian minister had ventured inside Israel since the two countries signed the Washington Declaration last month, ending a 46-year state of war. The countries would jointly market an array of tourist attractions such as Jerusalem holy sites and Jordan's ancient Nabatean city of Petra as well as Israel's Mediterranean coast and the twin Red Sea resorts of Eilat. Israel and Aqaba, Jordan.

Moroccan airline personnel have voted to continue a strike after unsuccessful talks with the management. The crews have been on strike for more than a week to protest regulations giving crews

more work. Wildfires burned out of control Wednesday on the Greek islands of Lesvos and Andros, while a third broke out on Crete. (AP)

The Philippines should improve Manila's crowded sirport and streamline arrival procedures to attract more tourists, according to Günther Fischer, Lufthansa Airline's general manager for the Philippines. He urged improvements in the physical condition of the international airport; an automatic baggage and passenger transfer to the domestic airport; and a system allowing some travelers to have their bags inspected by customs at final destinations of the control of tions outside Manila



COLD-WAR EXHIBIT — A worker putting the final touches on restoration work on U-475, an old Soviet Foxtrot class hunter submarine retired in 1976 from the Baltic fleet. It opened Wednesday as a tourist attraction in London.

ible damage during a yearong siege by Bosnian Serbs.
After leaving much of the city in ruins — two-thirds of the 824 buildings in the medieval Olo City were hit by shells or grenades - the Serbs withdrew to the east. They are now

some 25 kilometers away. Recovery will be slow, partly because of the blow to tourism, which, before the war, accounted for 65 percent of the city's income, according to the German weekly Der Spiegel.

brovnik put up 60,000 guests a night. The figure today is close to 2.000. Those few foreigners who

are making the trek to the 1,300-year-old city are finding that Dubrovnik, without the usual crowds, is remarkably peaceful - and cheap. As one German tourist said, "I feel safer here than I would in Florida."

Maternity clinic employees can be forgiven for being a bit Adriatic city that suffered hor- | Hotels in and near prewar Du- | skittish recently. In the French | found that she had even had | Brian Knowlton

police on Saturday found a — for "haby Arthur." Mean-baby that had been taken two while, after the highly publidays earlier from a nearby clinic. A woman identified as Nadège Brévière, 37, had gone to great lengths to plan the abduction. She had told friends she was pregnant, decorated a room for a baby, and for months wore padding. After making off with the infant, the had as ambulaces heins. she had an ambulance bring alarm at the exit unless deactiher home. Police, aided by a

town of Mortagne-du-Nord, | birth announcements printed cized kidnapping of a baby from a maternity clinic in Notvated.

U.S. Debates Somalia Pullout

Danger to Diplomats Weighed Against Political Fallout

By Bradley Graham

WASHINGTON - Clinton administration officials, worried hy a rise in violence in Somalia and by intelligence reports of Americans being targeted, were talking last month about rapidly pulling out the last U.S. diplomats and Ma-

But no withdrawal has taken place, amid continuing differ-ences between officials of the Defense and State departments over what to do. The debate weighs the threat to the Americans against the political cost of abandoning participation in the United Nations mission in So-

About 20 diplomats are still in the capital, Mogadishu. charged with supporting UN efforts to promote political reconciliation among warring clans. More than 50 Marines with anti-terrorist training are there to guard the diplomats. The Pentagon has been argu-

ing for months that the Marines should be withdrawn and replaced with civilians from a private security firm. More recentofficials have also urged evacuating the diplomats to nearby 30. Kenya for their safety.

"Why are we keeping this thing going?" asked a Pentagon official. "It's an accident waiting to happen.

But the State Department is reluctant to close the U.S. office in Mogadishu, fearing that such a move would lead to the end to the whole UN mission. And as long as American diplomats remain, State Department offi-cials want the Marines in Mog-adishu, feeling more secure with them there and avoiding the extra cost of hiring a security firm.

The sentiment on Capitol Twelve members of the Senate Armed Services Committee wrote President Bill Clinton last month urging a pullout of U.S. diplomats and troops because of the poor prospects of achieving a peace agreement and the deteriorating security situation since the withdrawal of most U.S. troops last March.

Last week, the Senate approved, 54 to 44, an amendment to the defense authorization bill ly. Defense Department cutting off funds for keeping

weapons depots, cutting off the main commercial route into Sa-

About 18,000 UN troops, in-cluding 10,000 in Mogadishu, are responsible for overall security for American and UN personnel and for escorting relief nian Army, General Rasim De-lic, said his forces were shifting to an offensive stance and would gradually turn the tide convoys. But the peacekeepers have largely taken refuge inside their compounds to avoid the fighting outside, which has in-hibited relief efforts and killed and wounded scores.

Even the UN secretary-gen-

eral, Butros Butros Ghali, has questioned the size and cost of the international operation in view of its diminished effectiveness. The Clinton administra-The sentiment on Capitol tion has been pressing UN offi-Hill favors an early withdrawal. cials to consider scaling back the mission or ending it, contending that the large international presence may be impeding a political settlement.

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Denois Cook/The Associated Press GOTCHA - A newspaper photo of Janice Payne, the mother of a 9-year-old murder victim, at a White House gathering to support President Bill Clinton's crime bill has had unexpected repercussions. A probation officer in Gretna, Louisiana, recognized her as being wanted for violating her probation in a drug case.

House Feud Could Wound Colleges

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WASHINGTON - A long-simmering feud between two powerful House Democrats has erupted into a full-fledged battle over what one considers political prerogative and the other calls scientific pork. The struggle may cost America's leading research universities hundreds of millions of dollars in money they expected to get from the Pentagon.

The fight is between Representative John P. Murtha, a Pennsylvania Democrat who is the chief protector of academe's have-nots, and Representative George E. Brown Jr., a California Democrat who is the champion of the research

Mr. Brown heads the House Committee on Science, Space and Technology, which sets science and technology policy. But Mr. Murtha, as chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on defense, holds the purse strings on the tens of millions of dollars that go annually to each of the biggest research universities, like Stanford and Johns Hopkins,

He has routinely made sure that a share of this money that the Pentagon allots for research goes to smaller universities in his district and in the districts of lawmakers who curry his

favor. The practice is known as earmarking.

Mr. Murtha is miffed because, even as the largest universities continue to get the bon's share of the money, Mr. Brown repeatedly attacks earmarking. So several months ago, while his committee was drawing up the Pentagon appropriations bill for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, he slashed the budget for academic science and engineering in half, to about \$900

The full House later approved the cuts. And although the Senate's version of the bill would restore all but \$80 million of them, the universities still stand to lose hundreds of millions of dollars when House-Senate oegotiators work out a com-

This would devastate one of the most important sources of future innovations for U.S. forces," Defense Secretary William J. Perry said of the cuts in testimony to a Senate subcommittee last mouth.

Cuts Mean Furloughs at Printing Agency

WASHINGTON — Too many federal agencies have begun taking Vice President Ai Gore's advice to become more competitive and are doing their own printing. That has created a crisis for the Government Printing Office, the congressional agency that has controlled all federal printing since the days of Abraham Lincoln.

In response to what agency officials described as a looming multimillion-dollar deficit, the printing office has notified its 4,350 workers that they could soon face unpaid furloughs of up to two weeks to help the agency balance its books. (WP)

Train Bill Advances in House

WASHINGTON - The House has taken a step toward planning high-speed passenger rail corridors between major U.S. cities. On a 281-to-103 vote, it approved and sent to the Senate on Tuesday a bill authorizing \$184 million over three years for environmental, economic and engineering studies and for acquiring rights of way.

President Bill Clinton has proposed development of a nationwide, high-speed passenger network. The House Ener-gy and Commerce Committee approved a \$1.2 billion, fiveyear program for construction and development, but severe budget restraints bave made it unlikely that the money will be

Alaska Governor to Cali It Quits

JUNEAU, Alaska - Governor Walter J. Hickel has ended months of speculation by announcing that he will not seek a third term. "My decision is based on how I can best serve Alaska," the Republican said, a week before the primary election.

Quote/Unquote

James B. Stockdale, 70, the retired Vietnam War admiral who was Ross Perot's 1992 running mate, describing the vice presidential debate that some said left him looking befuddled: It was like I was a college football player that somebody decided ought to go into boxing and a week later is in the ring with Joe Louis. I was playing catch-up all the way." (LAT)

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Economists See a Flawed Health Plan, but Hold Hope

By Peter Passell New York Times Service NEW YORK - Is the Mitchell

plan, the Senate Democratic leadership's compromise on health care reform, the last best hope for achieving universal health insurance?

Or is it a shell game, an exercise in deception that would waste tens of billions of dollars and discourage work efforts by the poor? The answer, say health economists

- some with resignation, some with disgust - is both. "We're into camouflage," says Uwe Reinhardt of Princeton University, who nonetheless says he hopes Congress will seize the moment and pass

the legislation. Martin Feldstein of Harvard, who would much prefer to tinker at the edges of the current system than go for broke, says that "people ought to un-derstand what it's about and what it

In the early stages of the debate, the White House focused on what was ness interests began to assess the bot-modest new taxes.

would pay for broader coverage.

put much of the financial burden on just eight years from now.

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what had initially seemed to be the hidden in the fine print. path of least political resistance proved to be a mine field sown by small-business lobbies that wanted no part of an insurance mandate.

So the Senate majority leader. Maine, expanded on an alternative mdependently drafted by Democrats on the Senate Finance Committee. His the Senate Finance Committee. His compromise would free employers of that those offered in the bill's standard package, but their premiums many economists.

with a little help from Uncle Sam. customers.

The bill, which is now being debated Mr. Feldstein estimates that would

most eyes turned to the issue of who premiums would add \$21 billion -The Clinton administration's bill budget expected to exceed \$1.9 trillion

employers — and thus indirectly on
their workers, where it already is. But
Mr. Feldstein would be bappy to seat you at the head of the class. The shuf-fle of cash needed to finance vastly extended coverage, he says, is largely

Mr. Feldstein, who was a member of President Ronald Reagan's Council of Economic Advisers, calculates that a big indirect tax is buried in the requirement that insurance companies as-George J. Mitchell, Democrat of sume part of the cost of services for poor people now covered by Medicaid.

provided that 19 out of 20 Americans would be the same; presumably, the received it as a fringe benefit from insurance companies would pass the employers or bought it themselves extra cost on to their entire pool of

then seen as the political imperative in the Senate, postpones the day of add \$30 billion to everyone else's pre- companies that did not provide insur- ate minority leader, Bob Dole, a Redriving health care reform: containment of exploding costs. But as busithe year 2002. And it imposes only
overbill the insured to cover the uninmum advantage of the government's
the opposition, "is oo better than the

tom line and Republicans pounded A tobacco levy would raise \$7 bil-away at their theme of no new taxes, lion in 2002, while taxes on insurance this back-of-the-envelope calculation. "They're one person's made-up numsmall change on a national health care bers," he says, and they contradict the insurance affordable for the working conclusions of the Office of Management and Budget, a White House would be a powerful disincentive to

Transferring responsibilities for Medicaid to private businesses would generate substantial savings, he argues, perhaps even obviating the need for more burden-sharing by insurers' paying customers.

Mr. Reinhardt bas little pattence with this political dance. "One way or another," he says, "universal coverage requires a redistribution of \$80 billion from the top to the bottom." The real issue is bow to accomplish the transfer with minimal side effects. And here

For one thing, the subsidies offered to low-income workers would distort incentives to organize production efficiently. Businesses would "sort" workoffer to subsidize the insurance of low- Mitchell plan.

Mr. Mitchell is not impressed by income families not otherwise covered. Arguably most distressing, the sliding scale of subsidies intended to make

> As low-income workers earn more, they gradually lose eligibility to government benefits ranging from food stamps to income tax credits, a problem that is already widely blamed for keeping unskilled workers on welfare.

Yet, according to the Congressional Budget Office, the graduated withdrawal of the health insurance subsidies under the Mitchell plan would take 30 to 55 cents more from an extra dollar in wages.

"In the end," the budget office con-Mr. Feldstein's criticisms ring truer to cludes, "some low-wage workers many economists. cutters would keep as little as 15 cents of every additional dollar they carned."

These problems are not unique to the Mitchell draft.

Mr. Reinhardt is pointed, saying ers, concentrating low-wage workers in that the approach favored by the Sen-

A Vague Compromise Revives Crime Bill

By Ann Devroy and Kenneth J. Cooper Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - Republican congressional leaders say that President Bill Clinton has pledged to consider "significant" changes in the crime bill but the White House said the said.

changes would not fundamentally alter the legislation, Mr, Clinton met with the 11 Republicans, who last week had voted for the failed procedural

islation to a final vote. Also attending were the House minority whip, Newt Gingrich of Georgia, and Representative Henry J. Hyde of

Los Angeles Times Service

Angeles County district attor-

C. Cowlings, sources said.

Five or six subpoenas have

been distributed, said Donald

Re, Mr. Cowlings's lawyer. Others familiar with the case

said prosecutors were seeking

information from witnesses

who may have information

about Mr. Cowlings's role in the events of that day.

Mr. Cowlings drove the vehi-

cle Mr. Simpson rode in during

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a nationally televised freeway chase. Prosecutors have yet to

More Information Is Sought

On Role of Simpson's Friend

ney's office has issued subpoed dence obtained in one grand has for witnesses who may have jury investigation to assist in information about the events the prosecution of a defendant

leading up to O.J. Simpson's who already has been ordered failure to surrender June 17 and to stand trial. That means evi-

about his subsequent disap- dence gathered by the Cowlings

pearance with a close friend, Al grand jury technically could not

LOS ANGELES - The Los against Mr. Cowlings.

president had agreed to significrime prevention programs that Republicans have said is intended purely for political gain.
"Today I think they took a
wiser course," Mr. Gingrich

But White House officials said the president had agreed only to consider compromises in the prevention spending.

his nonnegotiable commitment demanded major changes. rule to bring the anti-crime legto effective prevention programs," the White House chief of staff, Leon E. Panetta, said, The Tuesday session, Mr. Clinton's first with House lead-Illinois, Republicans who have ers after refusing to see them for accepted.

decide whether to press charges

Prosecutors may not use evi-

be used against Mr. Simpson.

Lawyers were expected in court Wednesday in the Simp-

son case. A day earlier, they submitted questionnaires that they wanted prospective jurors

to complete as part of what was

expected to be a difficult selec-

tion process, given the publicity surrounding the case.

not guilty to murdering his for-

mer wife Nicole Brown Simp-son and her friend Ronald L.

Mr. Simpson, 47, has pleaded

criticized the legislation. After four days, opened a new phase fields, a member of the Contine meeting, both said that the in negotiations. Fields, a member of the Contine meeting, both said that the in negotiations.

[Momentum appeared to be cant cuts in the \$7 billion in shifting Wednesday toward passage of the crime bill, and Vice President Al Gore promised compromises aimed at winning Republican support, The Associated Press reported from

Washington.] But with prospects apparent-ly improving that the House might pass a crime bill. Senate Republicans stepped up their "The president made clear criticism of the legislation and

Mr. Panetta said that the president would not accept any major change in the ban on assault weapons but that other, "very minor" changes would be

"We are consulung with members of both parties about possible minor modifications
— not radical," the speaker of
the House, Thomas S. Foley,
said. The Washington Democrat said consultations would take place in the next couple of days, which would allow for a vote by the end of the week.

freshman representative, Cleo vote for this bill."

gressional Black Caucus. The Louisiana Democrat was one of 10 caucus members who voted against the rule Thursday. They oppose the bill's expansion of the death penalty and lack of legislation regarding racial bias in death sentences.

The rule was rejected, 225 to 210. Ever since, the White House and Democratic leaders have been searching for ways to win over at least eight votes.

Advocates of the bill had hoped four days of lobbying by Mr. Clinton would persuade eight House members to change their votes without any alterations in the legislation. But Mr. Foley and administration officials lost bope Tuesday.

Most administration officials continued to suggest that Re-publicans offered the biggest bope for a White House victory.

A Republican congressional source said that the White House was "making some progress with Republicans because many were in tough situations Mr. Clinton also met with a and wanted to find a way to

Away From Politics

 The National Aeronautics and Space Administration resolved equipment problems and proceeded toward a Thursday launch of the space shuttle Endeavour on an Earthmonitoring mission. Forecasters gave an 80 percent chance of good weather for the scheduled 6:54 A.M. lift-off from Cape

 Money magazine has again named Jackson, Michigan, as the
worst place to live in America, ahead of Flint, Michigan,
Saginaw-Bay City-Midland, Michigan, and Rockford, Illinois. Heading the list of the "Best Places to Live in America," as ranked by the magazine's readers based on 43 criteria, were Raleigh-Durbam, North Carolina; Rochester, Minnesota, and two metropolitan areas in Utah, Provo-Orem and Salt

 At least 18 people were burt in a tropical storm that tore through several southeastern states, unleashing heavy rain and tornadoes. Tropical Storm Beryl was the second this season, following last month's Tropical Storm Alberto, which was blamed for 31 deaths.

• More than 1,600 fire fighters from throughout California battled the state's worst wildfire of the season, an arsonsparked blaze in rural, billy San Luis Obispo County that has A small plane crashed tail-first into a house in Waynesboro,

Pennsylvania, killing four people and starting a fire that burned the house to the ground. The couple who lived in the the bouse died to the crash, along with two people aboard the twin-engine Cessna.

 A 5-month-old girl was shot to death in ber family's apartment in the Busbwick section of Brooklyn, New York, the second infant in two days to be killed at home by gunfire in

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With Khmer Rouge, Officials, Too, Sniff Profit in Kidnapping

By William Branigin ungton Post Service

KAMPOT, Cambodia - A hostage drama in this southern Camhodian province has spawned a cottage industry in which corrupt military and government officials are competing to profit from the plight of three young Western tourists held by Khmer Rouge guerrillas.

The brazen attempts of officials to extract money have jeopardized efforts to ohtain the release of the three tourists and underscored the sort of social ills that led to the rise of the radical Communist guerrilla group in the 1970s, diplo-

Corrupt local officials are working closely with their Khmer Rouge archenemies to share the spoils from such criminal activities as train robberies, kidnapping and illegal logging, Cambodian and for-cign officials said.

loternational attention focused on the guerrilla group's involvement in kidnapping for ransom in March, when an American woman working for a private aid organization was abducted, and again on July 26, when the three tourists were taken after a train hijacking. The American was released in May, after negotiations with the Khmer Rouge commander in Kampot Prov-ince, in return for a truckload

backpackers from Australia, France and Britain are still being held in a fortified Khmer Rouge village for a ransom originally set at about \$138,000 worth of gold.

The Khmer Rouge, which defeated a corrupt U.S.backed administration in 1975 and ruled with extreme hrutality until driven from power in 1979, set up a "provisional government" in an enclave

near the border with Thailand last month after it was formally outlawed hy Cambodia's new Parliament. The group last week denied having anything to do with the kidnapping of foreigners for ransom.

But on Monday the Khmer Rouge conceded that its forces were holding the three tourists and sought to attach a political motive to the affair. In a radio hroadcast, the Khmer Rouge said the three men in their late 20s would be freed only when their governments publicly pledged out to provide mili-

mention of a ransom. It is clear, however, that cash is the main factor motivating both the local Khmer Rouge kidnappers and officials portraying themselves as would-be oegotiators or rescu-

tary aid to Phnom Penh. The group set a deadline of Aug. 30 for compliance and made no

Last week, diplomats at one

military intelligence chief, General Eng Hong, showed up with an offer to secure the hostages' release in return for a \$1 million payment.

The general had earlier offered to sell photos and letters from the hostages to Australian reporters for \$800.

The three Western embassies involved have agreed not to pay ransom to or negotiate or have any contacts with the Khmer Rouge, to avoid setting a "bad precedent," a military attache said.

But Reuters reported Tuesday that Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh of Cambodia had given \$150,000 to officials overseeing Phnom Penh's negotiations with the Khmer Rouge in order to secure the release of the three. Diplomats have identified

at least six groups of military or government officials seeking to act as go-betweens in the province, which is still effec-tively controlled by the for-merly communist Cambodian People's Party, which lost last year's United Nations-supervised elections. The competing efforts to cash in have disrupted attempts by the central gov-ernment — a shaky coalition between the royalist Funcinpec party and the People's Party - to oegotiate a ransom with the kidnappers and end the hostage situation, which has helped to sabotage the



Cambodian boys pushing government soldiers down a railroad near where the Khmer Rouge took tourists hostage.

country's tourism industry. In addition, an Information Ministry official has been trying to troops firing artillery and rockets into the Khmer Rouge

zone, about 90 miles (150 kilo- to halt military activity that meters) from Phnom Penh, where the hostages are being

The three hostages have

they say is endangering their lives, diplomatic sources said, according to Reuters.

The appeal was contained in tage Jean-Michel Braquet, 28 from Nice, and signed by all three. The other two hostages are Mark Slater, 28, from Brit-sin and David Wilson, 29,

U.S. Condition

Russia's Huge Nuclear Industry in a Frightening State of Flux

By Steve Coll son Post Service

VIENNA - International nuclear inspectors traveling through Ukraine and Kazakhstan in the last few mooths took an extended, up-close look at the management of sensitive nuclear materials in the former Soviet Union. Sometimes, they could hardly believe

what they saw.
In some civilian plants, they found bomb-sized caches of highly enriched uranium lying around in open-access storage rooms, according to people fa-miliar with the visits. Sizable quanti-ties of weapons-grade material more than would seem appropriate for pure scientific work - were held by ow-security civilian laboratories. In a few cases, inventory control seemed nearly nonexistent.

And in a sense, this was the good news: The inspectors were present be-cause the governments of Ukraine and Kazakhstan have pledged to forswear nuclear weapons and restore order in their nuclear sectors, and have invited outside inspections to help account for their sensitive materials. In neighboring Russia, where the huge majority of problems in post-Soviet nuclear facili-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

PARIS - Although Carlos is

well aware that he could spend

the rest of his life in prison, he

still believes he has a future and

will defend his exploits in court.

The lawyer, Jacques Verges.

constantly in their community, not just pull off a

Ironically, the anonymity of Muslim terrorists

makes them harder to track, without impeding their reach. The bomb at the World Trade Center

in New York two years ago was apparently

carried out hy ordinary-seeming Muslims with

The timing of the decision to hand over Car-

los, an American source said, may reflect new

confidence among Muslim extremists about their

capabilities. Recent bomb attacks on Jewish and

Israeli targets in Buenos Aires and London have

been hlamed on Iranian-backed terrorists of the

For Sudan, a Palestinian source said, "hiding

Carlos, even if be did nothing, was drawing

attention liable to interfere with your real

sort trained in secret camps in Sudan.

his lawyer said Wednesday.

spectacular every few months."

Middle Eastern links.

the former Soviet nuclear weapons' ties reflect the same economic, crimitries and police forces in the still-ensure that ouclear materials are senetwork is situated, nothing comparanal and social problems that afflict evolving Russian federal system pro-curely transported and stored. hle is under way or likely soon.

Western fears about the decayed state of nuclear controls in the former fix quickly. In addition, Russia also Soviet Union bave been renewed in has specific problems in the field of recent days hy the seizure in Germany nuclear management known to speof three hatches of smuggled weapons-

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grade nuclear materials. Preliminary evidence suggests that although the materials probably did not come di-rectly from Russian nuclear warheads, they do appear to have originated in Russian military nuclear facilities, ac-cording to officials familiar with the investigations.

Russia's military has a long and credible Cold War-era record in preventing nuclear proliferation. But as and answers from Moscow about the latest smuggling cases, both sides may find they have limited tools to solve the smuggling problem, according to offi-cials and nuclear specialists.

Partly that is because the cootrol

be tried in France for a 1982 at La Santé prison in central

tails of his contacts with ex- day and flown to France, said

tremist groups and govern- he would press for his client's

ments — details badly wanted release on the grounds that he

tionalism and Marxism.

Muslim domination.

While asking to be removed from the U.S.

blacklist of terrorist states, Sudan emphasized

that handing over Carlos did not signal any

change in its anti-Western stance. Its policy thrust, as defined by Hassan Tourabi, a radical

Muslim ideologue in Khartoum, is Islamic revo-

lution designed to sweep away false gods —
including the Arab World's fascination with na-

Those banners were brandished by Carlos's

generation, including his mentor. Georges Ha-bash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of

Palestine, and other Arab terrorists. Typically,

most belonged to Christlan minorities who

sought secular modernization as a bar against

The front has condemned Sudan for "a cheap

action against an international struggler who

served liberation movements." But Carlos's old

companions in arms were virtually a lone voice.

said Carlos, who is expected to

acts, would oot betray the de-

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by Western intelligence.

which are beyond anyone's ability to cialists as "physical protection."

Russia's administration of its ouclear plants is in flux. In the Soviet era, when the secretive ouclear weapons network was known euphemistically as the Ministry for Medium Machine Building, a police unit from the Interior Ministry provided physical protection of nuclear materials with support from the KGB, according to officials ple. involved with the system.

Now the nuclear industry has been reorganized under a new ministry called Minatom. The Interior Ministry and the secret police agency have been split and reorganized, and the armed forces have a redefined role in a fledgling democracy. Even Russian officials involved with nuclear proliferation issues are not exactly sure who is sup-posed to do what in the physical pro-

Carlos, 'No Squealer,' Won't Betray Backers. His Lawver Savs

Mr. Vergès, who met Carlos

bomh attack and perhaps other Paris for the second time since its and not at all resigned to

he was seized in Sudan oo Sun-

many other institutions in Russia and mote an atmosphere of disarray,

three years has allowed outsiders to glimpse a stunning landscape of weap-ons-related facilities where managers cases, the need to strengthen and reafof nuclear bomb materials as if they were running Stalinist tractor fac-tories. Goaded by ambitious five-year plans, they seem to have adopted the more, the better" as a guiding princi-

International inspectors saw the legons-grade materials sometimes were familiar with the visits said.

lines of authority are clear, rival minis- the rules and commitments needed to guards issues.

would betray the governments

and shadowy groups that had

As controversy grew over the way Carlos had been seized in

Sudan, Mr. Vergès said his first

step would be to declare the

handover illegal despite

France's claim that Carlos had

was kidnapped," Mr. Verges

said. "The extradition is null

and this man must be released."

deal was struck. The only

agreed-upon facts were that

Carlos was captured Sunday in

Carlos's lawyers say that he

was betrayed by Sudan's im-

poverished Muslim government

in exchange for cash and possi-

bly other benefits, and that he

was drugged, bound aod

snatched from the country with

little regard for the niceties of

the law. That will he a ceotral

Press reports have said that

part of his defense.

Sudao aod theo flowo to

France and Sudan deny any

"He was not extradited, he

been extradited.

France.

backed him for two decades.

But in practice, the treaty has few teeth because the countries that have Outside analysts say.

The full story of Soviet ouclear weapons production remains shroudweapons production remains shroudthe United States, will not permit indeed. But the relative openness of the last pendent inspection of their military or civilian nuclear facilities.

seem to have approached production firm the physical protection treaty was set to be discussed at the International Atomie Energy Agency's board of governors meeting in September,

Since the Soviet Union collapsed, the United States and its European allies have adopted a number of bilateral aid programs designed to plug these holes. Negotiations and proacy of this approach, and its recent these holes. Negotiations and pro-collapse, during their tours of Kazakh- grams are under way to purchase exstan and Ukraine this summer. Weap- cess stocks of Soviet-made bomb materials, employ nuclear scientists and scattered in improbable locales, people rehabilitate the civilian nuclear energy sector. But these schemes are some-Russia, the United States and many times entangled with sensitive, contenother countries have pledged to abide tious nuclear arms control negotiahy a 1980 international convention on tions. And, in any event, they do not the physical protection of nuclear ma- provide for independent, on-site intection area these days. And where the terials. In theory, the treaty contains spections dedicated to nuclear safe-

try and suggested that France

may also want Sudan's help in

dealing with Muslim funda-mentalists in the Algerian crisis.

including France and the Unit-

ed States, say Sudan fosters ter-

rorism. A militant Muslim jun-

ta seized power there in 1989.

and both the French and Suda-

nese governments have denied

there was a trade-off. But they

have given few details of Car-

Carlos, Mourad Oussedik, said

in a newspaper interview that he would file a suit for kidnap-

ping against the French coun-terintelligence agency.

Mr. Vergès, who defended Klaus Barbie, the former Gesta-

po chief in Lyon, and Carlos's

guerrilla girlfriend, Magdalena

that "in the current lynching atmosphere" he had little

Copp, in the 1980s, admitted

The other lawyer defending

los's capture.

Many Western governments,

In North Korea

SEOUL - President Bill Clinton said Wednesday that experts would have to inspect two undeclared nuclear sites in North Korea before the West could provide Pyongyang with a modern nuclear reactor, a South Korean spokesman said.

clear arms program.

"The two leaders agreed spe-cial inspection is needed before a light-water reactor can be provided to North Korea," Mr. Kim's spokesman said. At talks with the United States in Geneva, North Korta agreed to foreze its graphito-

tion party campaigned on a pledge to open negotiations.

An estimated 70 people died in pre-election shootings and bombings, prompting the ruling party to reimpose a police monthlong campaign.

Coalition

Wins in

Sri Lanka

Alliance Pledges

Broad Changes

By Molly Moore

NEW DELHI - Sri Lanka's

governing party has been de-feated at the polls for the first

time in 17 years, losing to an opposition coalition that ac-

cused the country's leaders of corruption and human rights vi-

With their economy ravaged by an 11-year-old civil war and

nearly continuous political vio-

lence, Sri Lankan voters gave a slight edge to the People's Alli-

The opposition coalition won 105 of the 113 seats needed to

control Parliament, and the ruling party claimed 94 seats.

President Dingiri Banda Wijetunga, who has sought to forge a ruling United National

Party alliance with smaller

groups to form a government, was expected to call off these attempts Thursday and ask Chandrika Bandaranaike Ku-

maratunea of the People's Alli-

ance to form the government.
The election results are a

blow not just to the United Na-tional Party but to President Wijetunga. The opposition has

pledged to reduce his broad powers. He has had a difficult time holding his party together following the 1993 assassination of President Ranasinghe

In recent years, the small is-land nation has been the scene

of brutal political crackdowns

by the government against in-

rights organizations have charged that the government

has used death squads to kill thousands of innocent citizens

in their searches for guerrillas.

civil war has raged on the north-

ern end of the island, where the

guerrillas of the Tamil Tigers are fighting for independence.

patching the suicide bomber

who assassinated Mr. Prema-

dasa during a parade just over a

The ruling government has refused to enter into negotia-

tions with the Tigers to end the war, which has claimed an esti-

mated 35,000 lives. The opposi-

The Tigers are accused of dis-

At the same time, a violent

gents: International human

For New Reactor

Mr. Clinton telephoned President Kim Young Sam of South Korea to discuss the agreement reached last week between the United States and North Korea. The accord outlined a possible resolution of the standoffover Pyongyang's suspected mi-

moderated nuclear program in

return for a new light-water re-actor system and alternative enactor system and alternative en-ergy supplies until new reactors which had been lifted for the come on line.

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worker whose governmentsponsored computer-dating scrvice is swamped by cager men. The girls are very happy with this service because they can set their standards very high for a prospective husband -intelligence, education, money — and then have a good

Any proof of a deal would be chance of finding a man who meets their standards," she said acutely embarrassing to Paris, with a grin that suggested there was justice in all of this. The men always ask for beautiful girls, and I tell them that they must be realistic," she

said. "The goals they set must not be too high because there are not enough women." Apart from having their pick misbands, Chinese women may find another silver lining in

the numbers churned out by the demographers.

In newly capitalist China, people are being reminded that in the free market, scarcity equals value. And so it could be for Chinese women after centuchance of securing Carlos's ries in which the supply of po-freedom. (AP. Reuters) tential brides equaled demand,

MARRY: Lonely Guys in China and they could be - and were

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the service

- treated as chattel. "I do think that to some extent this shortage of women will play a positive role in improving the status of all women," said Guo Daofu, an economist in the State Statistical Bureau. "I think this will lead to changes in society. Men will have to become more open-

"There is a saying in the countryside that a man who marries a woman who is three years older has found a bar of gold — that he can benefit from her maturity," Mr. Guo said. "Now, I think many more men will act."

"This discrepancy between the sexes is a matter of serious discussion among our govern-ment leaders," said Wang Wei, a professor of ethics at People's

University in Beijing. He pointed to abductions in which city women are seized and delivered to farmers desperate for brides.

"You could see more of

OUIT: Clinton Ally Leaves Treasury

RWANDA: Fear Grips Tutsi as French Prepare to Go

have died in Rwanda's massacres, which began April 6 and lasted three months. Thousands are believed to have been killed in Cyangugu, in the stadium, in the churches, and io their homes as part of an orchestrated campaign by Hutu extremisis to exterminate Rwanda's Tutsi population.

Nyarushishi camp was first set up in April, when the Interoational Committee of the Red Cross helped an initial group of 3,000 Tutsi from the stadium to resettle here. The Tutsi were protected by local policemen, under the command of a pre-'ecf, a local government offi-

When France launched its Operation Turquoise rescue mission at the end of June, French troops took up the joh of protecting the Tutsi, and thousands more were settled here, from the stadium and from other hiding places.

Even though the Tutsi-led Rwanda Patriotic Front won the war last month and estabTutsi here are too frightened to leave; this is the only area of the the militia will infiltrate from country still not under Patriotic Front control.

"The population wants the RPF to come here directly." said 29-year-old Dominique Dusengimana. "The RPF has

But for the moment, the plan is for the departing French troops to be replaced by a UN peacekeeping cootingent, and for the zone to remain "demili-

UN "hitte helmets" from Ethiopia have been given the assignment to come here in the hills outside Cyangugu to pro-tect the Tutsi from a resurgence of the killing. The hand-over is due this Sunday, with French troops scheduled to leave on

But so far, at least, few of the Tutsi here seem fully aware of the change. And those who have

lished a new government in the capital, Kigali, many of the strong," Mr. Munyankindi said. Tutsi here are too frightened to "If it's an African force, maybe

be well guarded. And they will kill us again. "We are afraid because the militia is regrouping, and the ex-army in Zaire is reorganizing. They're regrouping to take power. We want a large force to

Zaire, because the border woo't

protect us." He added, speaking of the UN troops, "There's not a lot of confidence in them."

Ex-Soldiers Threaten UN Former soldiers of Rwanda's

defeated Hutu army threatened UN relief staff with hand grenades at a refugee camp in eastern Zaire on Wednesday, demanding access to a food warehouse. Reuters reported The incident at Mugunga

camp lasted for about an hour until the soldiers were persuaded to give up, Panos Moumtzis, spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees,

Pope Plans Bosnia Visit

"He is out of action for the

moment, but he is in good spir-

abandoning the future," Mr.

Verges said outside the prison.

Illich Ramírez Sánchez, had

been remanded in custody and

placed under investigation for a

1982 car-bomb hlast in Paris

that killed one person. He had

already been sentenced to life in

prison in absentia by a French

Ioterior Minister Charles

Pasqua has said Carlos was re-

sponsible for 83 killings world-

wide and at least 15 in France.

of defense at his trial, which is

not expected to take place for

months, would be to justify his

He will proudly defend his

political and military struggle at

his trial without going into de-tails," Mr. Verges said.

not a small-time criminal," be

continued. "If he acted - and

you can contest the ideal - hut it is out of political idealism."

"It is obvious that Carlos is

struggle against Zionism and

Mr. Verges said Carlos's line

court for killing two French

agents in 1975.

Carlos, whose real name is

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II plans to visit the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, on Sept. 8, the Vaticao announced

Wednesday. An official statement said preparations for the visit, which the Pope has long said he wanted to make, were going ahead despite continued uncertainty about security in the Bosnian capital.

The Vatican also announced that the Polishborn Pope would visit the Croatian capital, Zagreb. on Sept 10 and 11.

That trip, timed to coincide with the 900th anniversary of the foundation of the Archdiocese of Zagreb, is bound to be seen by predominantly Roman Catholic Croatia as setting the papal seal oo its inde-

BIRTHS: Family Planning Backed place in the last decade in

"He is no squealer," he add- France gave Sudan intelligence

ed, quashing speculation that to help the government fight the international guerrilla rebels in the south of the coun-

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to an eod," it says. "Fundamental to this change in perception is women's growing command of the means to manage their own fertility."

According to the report, today's world population of 7.6 billion is growing by 94 million people each year, the highest increase in history, even though the rate of increase has slowed in many parts of the world. Africa, the poorest continent,

is growing by 2.9 percent a year. the fastest rate of any region. Asia still is the most populous region, with 60 percent of the total, but since 1950 Africa has beaten out Europe for second place and will have one-fifth of the world's population by 2015.

The United Nations projects that family-planning efforts rector of the UN group and could reduce the growth rate secretary-general of the Cairo enough to make a difference of conference, at a news conference. as much as 2.2 billion fewer people by 2050, equivalent to the earth's entire population in

flects an upheaval that took ment today," she said.

thinking about population con-trol. It chastises traditional population groups and govern- rection. ments that work from quotas for distributing contraceptives, saying their programs are "doomed to failure."

Instead, it asserts, it is crucial to improve the overall status of women by promoting their education and providing a range of health services, including but not limited to family planning. Studies have shown that women who have basic health care and the option of controlling their hirths choose to have smaller families, the report says.

"Women have been and still are disregarded for everything they do apart from having children, preferably boys," said Nafis Sadik, the executive dience Wednesday in London. "If we had paid more attention to empowering women 30 years ago we might not have to battle How to do it? The report re- so hard for sustainable develop-

recall having given her that di-

She was rebuked for not im-

officials, which later proved to be incomplete.

Republicans have accused Mr. Altman of giving confiden-tial information about the Whitewater investigation to White House aides in February. single contact on Whitewater, hut later information showed

there had been at least 40. Testifying this month, Mr. Altman said he regretted that his original statement "may appear too narrow or perhaps incomplete."

Mr. Altman was one of the first administration officials to get involved in the Whitewater affair. As acting head of the Resolution Trust Corp., which was investigating a failed Arkansas savings and loan with ties to the Chintons, he faxed some newspaper articles on the

matter to Bernard M. Nussbanm, at that time the White House counsel.

Mr. Altman told Congress he mediately correcting Mr. Alt-man's testimony about White and Mr. Nussbaum said he did House contacts with Treasury not recall receiving it. Congressional investigators recovered it from White House files, and Republicans suggested that it indicated that the White House knew of the investigation earlier than it has claimed.

Mr. Altman removed himself He originally acknowledged a from the Whitewater investigation only after being pressed hy Mr. Nussbaum not to do so. Critics contended that the White House wanted to keep a political supporter in charge of the investigation.

Mr. Nussbaum, another old Clinton friend, resigned under pressure this spring.
Mr. Altman told lawmakers

that he was not aware of most of the contacts between the White House and the Treasury Department and had forgotten about others. He apologized in writing to the president about the way he handled the matter.

Some Pull at Mexico's Polls Ruling Party Has a Heavy Hand to Exercise

By Tod Robberson Washington Post Service

MEXICO CITY - Luis Gu-Mexican capital with two big banners on his passenger bus proclaiming Ernesto Zedillo Ponce de León as the only presidential candidate who can guarantee continued prosperity for Mexico.

It is not necessarily because he wants the candidate of the governing Institutional Revolutionary Party to win, Mr. Gutierrez says, but because party officials threatened to withhold special government permits if he refused to display the free

Isaias Mendez, a rural dweller, says he is worried that his application for a government farm loan will be denied if Mr. Zedillo loses or if he votes for any other candidate. He knows his ballot will be confidential, but he says that when he applied for his loan he was forced to submit a copy of his voter's credentials to a union controlled by the party, which is known as the PRI.

"The PRI is the govern-ment," Mr. Mendez said. "They have ways of tracing these

Although incumbents frequently enjoy an advantage at election time, few political parties come close to matching the financial and logistical resources available to the PRI as has been clear in the cam-

paigning for Sunday's elections. Mexicans say that after 65 years of PRI presidents, old voting habits die hard. But in case voters are thinking of breaking with the party this year, officials are using threats. pressure and bribery to keep

linas de Gortari, who has staked tierrez drives the streets of the his reputation on ensuring that these elections are the cleanest

in Mexican history. openly for Mr. Zedillo, Mr. Salinas argues that he is the one most likely to carry on Mr. Salinas's far-reaching program and to ensure that Mexico continues its business-friendly trade prac-

But Mr. Zedillo's candidacy was slow to attract voters, ac-

The PRI is the government. They have ways of tracing these things.

fears for his farm loan.

cording to opinion polls, forcing the party to switch strate-

Opposition parties complain that highly touted revisions of electoral rules, engineered by Mr. Salinas earlier this year, have done little to rein in the ruling party. In fact, they con-tend, Mr. Salinas has worked behind the scenes to ensure that the PRI maintains its lopsided advantage over the competi-

In March of last year, the Mexican president summoned 30 of Mexico's wealthiest businessmen to a dinner at which he prodded them to make dona-

Such tactics have posed a di-lemma for President Carlos Sa-the party and the government. the party and the government. When news of the dinner was leaked to the press, most

pledges of donations dissipated. Since then, Mr. Salinas has While he has not campaigned looked the other way as Mexico's biggest corporations donated office space, executive jets, free advertising space and other favors to Mr. Zedillo's cam-

Mr. Zedillo's popular prede-cessor as the PRI's presidential candidate, Luis Donaldo Colosio Murrieta, pledged repeatedly before he was assassinated March 23 that he would not accept any such corporate donations and would strictly limit his campaign expenditures. In-stead of using private jets, he chose to travel by commercial

airliner or by bus. But PRI officials say Mr. Ze-dillo was forced to abandon Mr. Colosio's program because of the disadvantages he faced in entering the campaign late, following the assassination. Mr. Zedillo also lacked Mr. Colosio's charisma and national stature, officials said.

The opposition Democratic Revolutionary Party formally charged last week that 11 PRI governors had used their state offices to promote the candida-cies of Mr. Zedillo and party members seeking legislative

National Action also has filed a formal complaint against Foreign Minister Manuel Tello Macias, charging that he is using Mexican embassies and consulates worldwide to promote the PRI.

Senior officials of the governtions averaging \$25 million ment and ruling party argue apiece to help the party attain that separating the two entities financial independence from after 65 years of union is a diffiment and ruling party argue the government. This was ac- cult and slow process.



There are signs that the deck is stacked in favor of the incumbents in Mexico's elections.

UN Envoy to Deliver A Warning to Haiti

By Daniel Williams Washington Post Service

WASHINGTON - The UN hausted peaceful options. secretary-general, Butros Butros Ghali, will soon delegate an isvors Dante Caputo, a former envoy to warn Haiti's military foreign minister of Argentina. rulers to step down or face an American invasion, officials said here.

The envoy will not engage in negotiations with the army officers, nor will he deliver a deadline for them to leave power, U.S. officials said.

The United Nations Security Council has approved a resolution authorizing an invasion of the island if necessary to restore exiled President Jean-Bertrand Aristide to power.

"It is my intention to seed a vince the military people to implement" the UN resolution peacefully, "so that we may avoid military intervention, Mr. Butros Ghali said during a Trials of Abortion Pill visit to Canada.

An invasion, if mounted, could come as early as mid-September, U.S. officials say. The UN resolution calls for the action to be undertaken by an international force, but U.S. officials acknowledge an invasion would be staged almost exclusively by U.S. troops.

The UN, analysts say, is caucountry's internal politics. tralia.

Sending a message of warning permits the UN to say it ex-

For the job, Mr. Butros Ghali

■ Caribbean Force Readied

Prime Minister P. J. Pattersoo of Jamaica says a group of Caribbean countries is preparing to send 300 soldiers to paripate in a peacekeeping force in Haiti once democracy is restored there, the Associated

Press reported from Kingston. He did not say which of the 13 member states of the Caribbean Community were set to send troops. Jamaica, Guyana, and Trinidad and Tobago have mission to Haiti to try to con- previously said they would participate in a force to restore order after an invasion.

Suspended in Australia

The Associated Press

CANBERRA — Doctors suspended trials of the abortion pill RU-486 Wednesday after the government said women taking part might not have been properly informed of possible side effects.

The trials, which started eartious about endorsing invasions lier this month, were to help the designed not to crush a threat to government decide whether the world peace but to rearrange a pill should be marketed in Aus-

Henry Geldzahler, New York Curator and Modern Art Backer, Is Dead at 59

New York Tunes Service

NEW YORK - Henry Geldzahler, 59, the curator, critic and public official whose enthusiastic advocacy of con-temporary art made his name synonymous with the art scene in New York for three decades. died Tuesday at his home in Southampton, New York. The cause of death was cancer, said Kay Bearman, a longtime

At once connoisseur and activist, Mr. Geldzahler seemed, one journalist to call Mr. Geld-fairs for New York Ci for most of the period from the zabler "the most powerful and he held for five years.

at the nexus of art and public

He began his career as a curator of American art at the Metropolitan Museum of Art. At the age of 33 he put together the museum's sweeping centennial exhibition, "New York Paint-ing and Sculpture: 1940-1970," a highly personal selection of 408 works by 43 artists that thrust the Met into the swirling currents of modern art and led

1960s through the 1980s, to be controversial art curator alive." In 1966, he served as the U.S.

commissioner to the Venice Biennale, for which he selected the American artists to be exhibited, and that same year he took a leave of absence from the Met to become the first director of the visual-arts program of the National Endowment for the Arts.

In 1977, he was appointed by Mayor Edward I. Koch to be. the commissioner of cultural affairs for New York City, a post

An omnipresent figure on the social scene, he was a close friend of many artists, and his round, bearded figure made him a favorite subject of their work. Mr. Geldzahler was nearly as well known for a celebrated portrait of him and his friend Christopher Scott, painted in 1969 by David Hockney, as for

Pop artists like Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein, James Rosenquist and Claes Oldenburg were the first beneficiaries of Mr. Geldzahler's evangelism.

any of his accomplishments.

Billy Wilson, 59, the director and choreographer of "Bubbling Brown Sugar" and other Broadway musicals, died Sunday at St. Vincent's Hospital in Manhattan. The cause was AIDS, said his daughter. Alexis

Jerome Minskoff, 78, a New York real-estate developer, theater owner, and Broadway producer, died Saturday in London of a heart attack, said his son,

Leonard Goldsworthy, 85. 2

retired lieutenant commander and Australia's most decorated World War II naval officer, has died, the navy said Wednesday. He died Aug. 7, the navy said, hut did not give the cause.

Paul Anderson, 61, once recgnized as the strongest man in the world, died Monday at a Vidalia, Georgia, hospital after a long struggle with kidney fail-ure and arthritis. Mr. Anderson set nine world records and 18 American records in weightlifting in the 1950s.

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Black Market Plutonium

smuggled plutonium turning up in Germany is ominous all out of proportion to the and elsewhere in the Middle East. small amounts involved. The shipments have the aspect of salesmen's samples just enough to show buvers that the smugglers have pipelines to the real stuff. There is an unpleasant implication that the recently seized material may have been intended to set up larger deliveries. The only conceivable purpose of black market plu-tonium is to make nuclear weapons.

The German authorities announced on Tuesday that they had confiscated two grams of weapons-grade plutonium from a suspect in Bremen --- the fourth case of this kind in three months. The largest amount seized was the 300 grams of plutonium that arrived in a lead-lined suitcase on a plane from Moscow to Munich. Before that police arrested six smugglers with a gram of highly enriched manium. Before that, they found five grams of plu-

tonium in a garage near the Swiss border. One question is why all these discoveries have been in Germany. Perhaps it is because these new trade routes involve former East German secret police. But it is also possible that highly radioactive materials are moving in all directions, and it is: and enriched uranium — if the Russians only that the German authorities are more effective than others in intercepting them.

Like a leak in a dike, the trickle of You have to wonder whether similar shipments may be moving southward to Iran

> Russia denies that it is the source of this radioactive contraband, but chemical analysis in Germany strongly suggests otherwise. The Russian military continues to assert that it has reliable control over its nuclear weapons, and fortunately there is no evidence to the contrary. But the rest of the former Soviet Union's nuclear complex is an altogether different matter the gigantic system of plants and laboratories producing and enriching nuclear ma-terials. Inflation has diminished salaries there to pittances. Morale is low in these

plants, and discipline is sagging.

Germany's Chancellor Helmut Kohl says he will send an envoy to Moscow to discuss the situation. The United States has been offering financial help. But not much of that money has actually been spent because of the chaos in Russia, and now the congressional appropriations committees are unwisely cutting back the amounts available. There is an increasingly urgent case for a much more muscular (and expensive) international effort to ensure the security of Russia's plutonium can be persuaded to accept it.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

By John W. Kiser 3d and John Hines

WASHINGTON — News item: Tiny Estonia is now the fourth largest exporter of copper in the world. Estonia has no copper mines. Nor does its trade balance show copper as a significant import.

What do copper statistics have to do with loose nuclear warbeads? A lot, if you consider recent seizures of weapons-grade material in Germany.

While attention has been riveted on two-to-five small, "probable" nukes in North Korea, the United States and the rest of the world have fallen into a deep spooze on the formidable threat posed by more than 30,000 known warheads lying about in Russia and Ukraine. Not to mention as much as 1,500 tons of weapons-grade nuclear material.

Only two years ago there was much hand-wringing about the security threat posed by thousands of Russian warheads whose security and control were a matter of international concern. Scientists and bomb builders had to be quickly employed in peaceful pursuits. This resulted in a rush to fund the International Science and Technology Center in Moscow in order to employ the Russian weapons-of-mass-destruction crowd. Two years later, virtually no money has been spent.

ment had some reservations. But the U.S. concern was there. Where is it today? Was the problem solved? Did it go away? Or does it just seem too hopeless and too hard to engage seriously?

One senses, in fact, a state of denial or perhaps wishful thinking. U.S. security specialists must tiptoe gently around the topic. The status and security of all those Russian warheads, nuclear materials and bomb designers have been a very unwelcome question in Washington for sever-al months. Why? Because the problem is very big, very complicated and growing. And possibly expensive to solve.

The Estonian copper statistics belp to explain why. The borders of all the Baltic countries are as porous as sieves. Not only cop-per but steel, nickel, aluminum, chromium — you name it have been streaming through a network of uncontrolled side roads, often glorified cow paths, away from border checkpoints. These unofficial crossings are

"overlooked" by authorities; it is good business for all the Baltie countries with major ports. The incoming contraband traffic results in huge port fees when

Granted, the Russian Parlia- loaded "officially" onto ships. The Russian underworld octo-

pus is emerging as an all-purpose threat to worry about. One that includes nuclear proliferation. Because of the increasingly virulent criminal element's broad embrace, Russian mafiosi are able to bury nuclear-materials brokering in a melange of drug trafficking, gang-ster networking and general political corruption activities.

But if copper is being driven through Estonian borders at a rate that has catapulted that little nation to the No. 4 exporter of the metal in the world, what is to stop warheads and nuclear materials from making the same passage? Little, other than the possibility that the "entrepreneurs" still think they have better ways to make money. Others might

even have patriotic scruples.
But is it happening now? Most probably yes — in Estonia or somewhere else. Will it happen? Most definitely yes.
The reason is simple. The mar-

ket principle of supply and de-mand creates irresistible pressures. Owning nuclear weapons makes people feel important, commands "respect" and authority, and makes small countries major international players. One

cannot pretend to profound in-sight in observing that a Russian nuclear security specialist earning perhaps \$50 a month could be bought for, say, \$10,000 - which is popcorn money for the players

in this game.
All that is needed is opportunity, which can also be bought in an increasingly corrupt system. With border controls gone, national pride trashed and an everybodyfor-himself atmosphere, the witches' brew of proliferation is in place -not someday, but now.

One response should be to focus on the real problem. The problem is not four to five warbeads in North Korea. Intentional or not, focusing on the North Korea is a dangerous diversion of attention from the 8,000-pound nuclear gorilla next door whose nukes are as loose as aging teeth and can be pulled as easily.

A year ago, 80 Russian nuclear scientists and ballistics experts were apprehended by Russian authorities at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport. They were on their way to North Korea. The scientists were prevented from leaving, but not punished. How many

have not been apprehended?
In late December, almost 800 pounds of reportedly weaponsgrade contraband (probably Russian) uranium was confiscated in

Wake Up Right Away to a Monumental Nuclear Threat the Black Sea port of Odessa, Ukraine, by security police. Twenty pounds can make a bomb. This shipment was intercepted. How many are getting through? The "leaking" seems to be under way and there is no reason to believe

the leaks will not build into a flow. As a government concerned with health care, the current U.S. administration should appreciate that prevention is far cheaper and

safer than heroic therapy.

The consequences of today's neglect of serious preventive measures may not emerge to terrorize citizens for five or six years. When it does, the cost of prevention now will seem trivial compared with that of dealing with a nuclear-infested world later.

In what may become a dis-turbingly familiar scene, the eyes of the world will be fixed in fear on the blackmailing antics of some deranged little tyrant with a big bomb.

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His every snarl and obscene false promise will be covered by intense journalists who speculate ad nauseam about doomsday scenarios and the feasibility and risks of the few military options remaining to America. The U.S. military will take beroic risks and Washington will spare no expense to stop the nuclear devil of the moment

How does one deal with the ugly prospect of 30,000 warheads and 1,500 tons of uranium up for sale, and thousands of out-of-work nuclear weapons specialists driven to peddle their skills in the back alleys of the global marketplace?

There is no easy answer, but recognizing the problem and the orgency of developing an effective joint approach is a start.

Engaging in creative ways the Russian and Ukrainian governments, as well, perhaps, as with selected "entrepreneurs," is essential. For only a quiet and committed dialogue on a common problem, a dialogue that respects sovereignty and pride of countries concerned, will offer any promise of success.

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Carlos Over the Hill

Woodstock Revisited

The great wave of terrorism that swept Europe in the 1970s was essentially secular, pro-Marxist or pro-Palestinian; the religious terrorism associated with Ayntollah Ruhollah Khomeini and others came later. Illich Ramirez Sänchez, better known as Carlos the Jackal, was the movement's fearsome embodiment, a cold-eyed zealot blamed for the death of 83 people. But now that be has finally been apprehended in Sudan, the world's most wanted terrorist turns out to be smaller than life, figuratively the shadow of his old self. He appears to have been discarded by his former Arab patrons, and with the collapse of communism he seems to have had no place to run. In further insult to his reputation as arch-terrorist, authorities now dismiss as an exaggeration the widespread report that he played a major role in the 1972 slaughter of Israeli athletes at the Munich Olympics.

His capture is a real victory for the democratic societies that his movement sought to demoralize. Americans, Europeans. Israelis and moderate Arabs became targets in a terror campaign waged by a clandestine network that hijacked planes, kidnapped hostages and bombed airports and rail terminals. That campaign was blunted by good police work and global cooperation, enabling governments to contend with greater confidence against more recent terrorist movements inspired by religious or ethnic fanaticism.

With Carlos in the dock, it may finally be possible to determine the truth about tales of his prowess. Carlos at large would

By virtue of its enormous size — and

its enormous buying power — the Wood-stock Generation (also known as the

Baby Boomers) altered the cultural fabric

as none before it. Makers of cars, clothing

and movies traffic in its nostalgia, hoping

to hit the fat and sassy target group

squarely in the wallet. Nowbere is the tilt

more evident than in rock music, the

generation's signature art form. Once,

pop music tunes came and went in a

matter of weeks or months. These days

you can make several stops along the

radio dial and bear "classic rock" tunes.

many of them more than a quarter of a

century old. The casual listener might

conclude that rock is no more - or at

least that time stopped back in 1969.

little in common musically with mom and

dad. But today's twenty-somethings have

grown up rocking to the same beat as their

parents, and have thus been obsessed with

the era that spawned the music and the

The photographs of mud-covered con-

certgoers at last weekend's Woodstock '94

in rural Saugerties, New York, were al-

most identical to those from the storm-

drenched concert of 25 years ago. As if the

mud weren't dejà vu enough, Joe Cocker

reprised his twitching rendition of "With a Little Help From My Friends," and Cros-

by, Stills and Nash (minus Neil Young)

exhumed "Woodstock" - a song about

the original concert. There were other old

Woodstock alumni like the Band, Roger

McGuinn of the Byrds and - shades of

Thankfully, graybeards and nostalgia didn't completely carry the day; the

twenty-somethings had their say. The fur-

old old days — Hot Tuna.

concert event that defined it.

Americans who grew up in the '60s had

during the summer of Woodstock I.

have forever remained a myth: the Venezuelan-born guerrilla who did indeed abduct 11 ministers attending an OPEC meeting in Vienna in 1975, the master of disguises who eluded capture as a wanted murderer in France and elsewhere, the clandestine conspirator who worked variously with Germany's Baader-Meinhof gang and Palestinian groups based in Damascus or Tripoli.

Carlos would have served his cause better as a bullet-riddled corpse found after a climactic shootout. Instead, as a revolu-tionary who saw himself as the agent of history, he was ironically undone by the forces of history; the demise of the Soviet empire and Saddam Hussein's defeat provided an opening for peace between Israelis and Palestinians, rendering Carlos irrelevant. Moreover, since it could no longer count on Soviet help, Syria sought to be removed from the U.S. list of terrorist states, as did Sudan, the country that turned Carlos over to French authorities.

In Damascus, after a decade of inactivity. Carlos surely became an expendable embarrassment. Sudan's radical Islamic regime may have wanted to earn points with Europe and America by sacrificing him. As long as Washington struck no deals, and France offered no ransom. there was nothing inherently wrong with an attempt by Syria and Sudan to improve their reputations as responsible states. Carlos's arrest is further evidence that the wind has changed in the Middle East, shifting against the likes of the Jackal.

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

Mexico's Ruling Party Would Do Better to Lose

LONDON — I was bying in Mexico when I first heard this story. The Mexican cabinet was meeting to decide what to do about the country's failing economy, and the finance minister came up with a bright idea: "Let's declare war on the United States. Look at Japan and Germany. They declared war and killed lots of gringos. And when they lost, the United States rebuilt their countries.

"Yes," said the Mexican president, "but what if we won?"

That is now the question for Mexico's ruling party. Despite its impressive steps to ensure a fair election on Sunday, most Mexicans believe that by hook or crook the Institutional Revolutionary Party will extend its 65-year bold on the presidency. But a PRI victory would be a recipe for violence and instability. For the Americans, the stakes are enor-

mous. The U.S. Congress would almost certainly revoke the North American Free Trade Agreement Trade with Mexico is already large and destined to become larger once NAFTA is fully implemented. U.S. exports to Mexico increased to \$11.8 billion during the first quarter of this year. By year's end, NAFTA will have pushed Mexico past Japan as the No. 2 trading

By Stanley A. Weiss

partner of the United States after Canada. Mexico is also a leading exporter of hu-mans, and the United States its leading client, Governor Pete Wilson of California has declared the state to be "under siege" by illegal aliens; the cost to taxpayers is said to be \$3 billion a year in California alone.

Despite a general amnesty in 1986, Texas now has more than 550,000 illegals; chain link fences already exist at most crossings between border cities, with a proposal for a new metal wall in El Paso.

The 6,000 people who have joined the peasant rebels in Chiapas for Mexico's version of Woodstock are predicting civil war if. the election is stolen. That may be byperbole, but it is worth noting that during the Mexican revolution and civil wars between 1910 and 1922 more than 10 percent of the population of 13 million fled to the United, States. Now, with a population of 85 mil-lion, imagine the level of militarization necessary to control a similar flood of refugees streaming across the Rio Grande.

And then there is the drug traffic. As much as \$60 billion in drug money is laundered along the border each year. More than

70 percent of the marijuana and cocaine imported into the United States comes through Mexico. Political turmoil there would increase illegal drug activity and exact an enormous economic and social toll on every community in the United States.

For once, there are viable alternatives to the PRI's handpicked choice for president, Ernesto Zedillo. The candidate of the center-right National Action Party (PAN), Diego Fernández, is a state senator and highly regarded lawyer. Cuanhtémoc Cárdenas, candidate of the leftist Party of the Democratic Revolution (PRD), is also very much in what has become a three-way race.

To ensure peace and prosperity, the PRI should pull off one more dubious election to make sure it loses. Only then will Mexicans believe the voting results. The United States and Mexico, along with Canada, could then return to the business of promoting joint economic growth and creating the world's largest unified market.

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Interest Rates: It Looks Like the Lull Before a Mighty Storm

T OKYO — By raising interest rates by half a percentage point, the Federal Reserve seems to have lulled financial and political centers in both Japan and the United States into believing that no further increases will be needed at least until late this year. By autumn, bowever, a very different

around on raised hands. The music is darker than at Woodstock the dancing rougher, but so are the times. In the end, the 300,000 young people who slogged through Woodstock '94 got what they came for: the re-enactment of a ritual whose mythology they were

- THE NEW YORK TIMES.

ty-something viewer learned some new band names: Blind Melon, the Violent Femmes, Nine Inch Nails. In addition, the viewer learned the verb "to mosh," which situation will emerge to trouble means to dance in large groups, colliding stock and bond markets, foreign with each other and passing one another exchanges and trans-Pacific relations. By then it will be clear that today's mid-summer quiet was but the calm before a mighty storm.

In Tokyo, an unquestioning consensus is based on the view that Japan's trade surplus has peaked and is on its way down, while the economy is on its way up. Although Japanese interest rates bottomed toward the end of 1993, the sharp climb that has occurred in the interval is widely seen as benign.

By Kenneth S. Courtis An unnatural and uneasy alli- anced and so, paradoxically, a.

ance between the Socialist left stronger administration. and the Liberal Democratic right appears to have put Japan on course for a period of political stability. It does not seem to matter that the government has little vision or cohesion. Across the Pacific, Washington

and Wall Street alike chatter about the new fundamentals. The U.S. economy is strong and growing, deficits are declining, investment is up and America is getting back to work. In this view, neither the dollar's weakness nor inflation's recent strength are justifi-

able, and so they will not last. Rather than being cause for concern, the shrinking base of political support for President Bill Clinton is seen as leading not to bitter gridlock but to a more bal-

Tell All the News About HIV Disease

However, economies are growing again in Europe and Japan. There is robust growth throughout East Asia and continuing expansion in North America. The long-term savings rates of all industrialized nations, except Ja-pan, are declining, while debt levels are rising everywhere. As a result, interest rates are set to climb - and much higher than is yet widely realized.

The process has already startcd. The Reserve Bank of Australia raised interest rates by threequarters of a point on Wednes-day, for the first time in five years. That followed the move by the Federal Reserve and recent increases by several European countries. Nations with the high-

est levels of foreign debt have experienced the sharpest rise in interest rates this year. This has occurred even in conditions of continuing deflation, as the painful experience of Canadian markets in the past six months shows. As economic momentum builds

in Europe and Japan, pressure on interest rates will intensify, especially for high-deficit economies. Such countries will then face the choice of allowing their currencies to fall or interest rates to rise further. Neither markets nor governments appear prepared for these developments. With interest rates rising

around the world, global markets are set to become more dependent than before on funds from Japan, the major source of sur-plus capital for the international economy. Particularly important will be the smooth recycling of Japan's external surpluses. Policy decisions made in Tokyo likely will take on an international importance for which Japan's government and politicians are largely unprepared.

The outlook on the trade front is equally problematic. More than a year of negotiations between Japan and the United States to increase America's access to the Japanese market and reduce its trade deficit have produced little in the way of concrete results. The clock is ticking on a dead-line at the end of September for the imposition of U.S. sanctions against Japan's public-sector pro-

curement practices.

With the two sides locked into opposite positions, and govern-ments in Tokyo and Washington seemingly too weak to change course quickly enough, it is increasingly likely that the end of September will see a major commercial clash across the Pacific

Markets would interpret such a confrontation to mean that the United States was left with no option but to exact from the currency market what it was unable to get at the negotiating table, by forcing the yen higher to make Japanese exports more expensive and American imports into Japan cheaper.

This would quickly hit global financial markets, sending interest rates, currency and equity markets into wild gyrations. With international markets already on the defensive, these new tremors would cause scrious damage.

Policymakers in Japan and the West should recognize the poten-tial gravity of the situation and act accordingly. They should show determined leadership to steer the international economy away from the jagged shoals to which it is now

so dangerously close. Tokyo and Washington have a joint responsibility and the means to steer a different course by coming to an early and substantial agreement on trade, policy coor-dination, currency and the structural reform that each of their economies argently needs. The question that is about to haunt markets is whether they have the will and vision to do so.

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national Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1894: Berlin Anarchists BERLIN - Important discoveries

have been made by the police in connection with the arrest of the Anarchists who, it will be remembered, fired at those attempting to arrest them. The lodgings of the men were searched and bombs were discovered. A still more noteworthy discovery was made at the residence of a mechanic in Langenstrasse. Here documents were seized evidencing that the Berlin Anarchists were carrying on correspondence with Anarchists living in France and dis-closing the links in a conspiracy of a dangerous character.

1919: Great War Poets

PARIS - The Herald says in an editorial:] Quite recently a literary magazine asked with some ingenuousness: Will the war produce a great poet? The question itself seems to betray a little unfamiliarity with contemporaneous poetry; and also a misconception of the effect of a world-tragedy on the poetic faculty. Certainly, it would be impossible for the sensitive nature of a poet not to be stirred by a vast upheaval such as "the great war."

1944: At German Border LONDON - [From our New

York edition: | Russian troops, for the first time in thirty years, brought war forcefully to the German homeland yesterday [Aug. 17] in a surge that put the Red-Army onto the East Prussian frontier along the Szeszuppe River in western Lithuania. This historic honor fell to the 3d White Russian Army troops commanded by General Ivan D. Cherniakhovsky, thirty-seven-year-old Jewish tank expert and the youngest full general in the Red Army.

raised on; the grueling endurance contest with nature, and the bragging rights that come along with having survived it.

Losing Hong Kong's Voices

One reason the British managed to rule Hong Kong as successfully as they have is that at least they sought to cultivate public opinion rather than strangle it: within such a system honest and au-tonomous voices have given invaluable

Other Comment

airing to public grievances.

Beijing, alas, has taken the opposite tack, judging from its Long March through any Hong Kong institution that looks like it might make even the slightest show of independence, from the Leg-islative Council to the General Chamber of Commerce. With every passing year, the Hong Kong that China stands to inherit has fewer such voices raised on behalf of its freednms.

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By Tom Stoddard

NEW YORK — Quietly but persistently. AIDS has evolved into something quite different from the horrifying, untreatable illness of the early 1980s. It is still a killer, but medical science has made major life-sustaining gains against AIDS-related infections.

Unfortunately, the U.S. government bas largely ignored these successes. So have the media. Almost every report from last week's international AIDS conference in Yokohama communicated despair rather than possibility. They should start emphasizing the triumphs of science, because the well-being of thousands of people with

HIV is at stake. A good start would be to stop using the term "AIDS."

In 1981, before the syndrome AIDS even had a name, patients contracted mysterious, exotic conditions like Pneumocystis carinii pneumonia and Mycobacterium avium complex, then they weakened until they died. Now both these conditions, and many others that afflict those with AIDS, are not only treatable but preventable.

There is, of course, still no cure for AIDS. But in many cases the related infections that actually kill people can be stopped through antibiotics.

I know. I developed HTV-related pneumonia 22 months ago and I have recovered completely - well enough to jog two miles without stopping. A decade ago I probably would not have survived for more than a few weeks.

In those days, this pneumonia accounted for most deaths caused by the virus in the United States. Today that number has plunged to less than 3 percent. These heartening medical advances, however, cannot assure that people will no longer die

from preventable infections. In order to avoid acute illness, those infected with the virus must know that they have it, be able — and encouraged — to find doctors who specialize in their disease, see those doctors frequently and get medication. Yet many — perhaps most — people with HIV do not know

there is any hope. They make no effort because no one has made a concerted effort to tell them the news that treatments are now available. This was evident in a 1992

study at Howard University Hospital in Washington, which disclosed that 41 percent of the people who died of AIDS in the hospital had never been diagnosed with it. Some undoubtedly died needlessly, not because the hospital gave them madequate care but because they nev-

er came in for treatment. Why don't people who suspect that they might have AIDS come to doctors? In many cases. it is because they don't know there is hope.

The government in its Vic-torian way tells people to avoid dangerous sex and dirty necdles, but it has no outreach or

informational campaign directed at those who are already infected. Some reporters - far fewer than five years ago --- cov-

er AIDS, but they rarely report the news that matters. Two stories have dominated coverage in recent months: the lack of progress in the search for a vaccine, and allegations that a dentist in Florida transmitted HIV to some patients. Good news simply isn't reported.

The very term "AIDS" is part of the problem. It connotes imminent death and despair. People with AIDS are simply written off. The term is not even medically very useful. It cannot be applied to many of the people infected with HIV. According to the Centers for

Disease Control and Prevention, AIDS is diagnosed only if an HIV-positive patient has one of a few specific infections or cancers or a low number of socalled helper cells in his or her blood. But people who do not meet that definition die of HIVrelated ailments, and people who fit the definition - including me — can and do survive. 'AIDS" has outlived its use-

fulness. To mark the evolution of the illness into a condition that is susceptible to treatment, the condition should be relabeled "HIV disease." Such a signal of possibility could save lives.

The writer, a lawyer, is on the board of directors of the Ameri-can Foundation for AIDS re-search. He contributed this comment to The New York Times.

OPINION

Clinton Climbs Into a Shaky System

WASHINGTON—Historians of By David S. Broder the Clinton presidency will, I think, focus on the great frony that appeared during this summer of his that in this hour of dangerous politisecond year in the White House Bill cal weakness, with his polls down Clinton has increasingly tied his fate and his major legislative initiatives to that of the Democratic Congress in jeopardy, outsider Clinton decidate the very moment when its leaded to try to make himself an insider.

with the selection of Leon Panetta, cessor was Mr. Clinton's boyhood former chairman of the House Budget Committee, as the new White House chief of staff.

man of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, as 'special adviser" to the Democrat-

With these three appointments, the president has acquired meaningfully greater experience, judgment and political acumen. But it comes at a price,

ic National Committee -- de facto, the head of the party for the mid-term campaign. Finally, Mr. Clin-ton and Mr. Panetta chose Judge Abner Mikva, a former Illinois congressman and member of the Ways and Means Committee, as the new White House counsel.

The common thread among those three appointments is that they could well have been made by House Majority Leader Richard Gephardt had he, instead of Mr. Clinton, been elected president in 1992. In fact, it was Mr. Gephardt who recommended to Presidentelect Clinton that he pull Mr. Panetta, a man Mr. Clinton barely knew, out of the House and make him director of the Office of Management and Budget at the start of Mr. Clinton's term.

Mr. Gephardt was among those urging that Mr. Coelho be sent to the embattled Democratic National Committee. And he cheered the selection of his old Ways and Means huddy, Mr. Mikva — a habitue of the House gym during all the 15 years he has served on the Court of

Appeals — for the counsel's job.
With the former Gephardt aides George Stephanopoulos and David Dreyer already in sensitive White House policy and communications posts, you could call this the "Gephardtization" of the Clinton presidency. Equally, historians could say president, said, "Dammit, if we nomic integration of the region.

ed to try to make himself an insider.

ership seems to be losing its grip. The changeover could not be The signal of the change came more dramatic. Mr. Panetta's predepal Thomas McClarty, a man de-void of Washington experience. The louse chief of staff.

Last week Mr. Clinton and Mr. crane National Committee is young Panetta chose Tony Coelho, for- David Wilhelm, an agreeable Chicamerly the House whip and chair- ...go campaign consultant more accustomed to courting candidates than to selling strategy to senators. And the first White House counsel was the politically naive Bernard Nussbaum, a New York lawyer whose main credential was his friendship with Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Almost everyone inside the Beltway would agree that in Mr. Panetta, Mr. Coelho and Judge Mikva, the president has acquired meaningfully greater experience, judg-ment and political acumen. But it

comes at a price. It is hard to recognize this Bill Clinton as the man who campaigned against "the hrain-dead politics of Washington," the man who beat the stuffing out of all his Democratic rivals who had served in Congress and then walloped that consummate insider, George Bush.

During the Democratic convention of 1992, Mr. Clinton was so careful to keep his distance from the party's congressional leaders that, for weeks afterward, House Speaker Thomas Foley had to remind people that he had actually been sitting on stage, in the front row, during almost all the sessions.

Such turnabouts are not unprecedented, of course. Ronald Reagan ran against Washington, then let insider James Baker run his White House. What is different about Mr. Clinton is that he has tied into a congressional cadre that shows evident signs of battle fatigue.

George Mitchell, the Senate majority leader; is bailing out at the end of this year, worn down by the grind. And the House Democratic leadership, which scrambled frantically to save Mr. Clinton's budget by a single vote last year, saw so many Democratic defections last week that they were unable to pass the procedural rule to bring the

crime bill up for a vote. in a leadership meeting a week before the crime bill vote, two people who were present told me, an exasperated Richard Gepbardt, steaming about the reluctance of

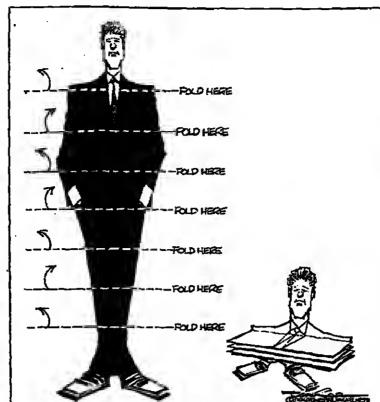
can't pass the rule on the crime bill. maybe we ought to let the Republicans run this place."

Compared to the control of the contr

No one in Washington, not even this president, works harder at his job than Mr. Gepbardt. But he is a prisoner of the very system he is trying to direct.

Last year, at the behest of organized labor, the main source of campaign fonds for House Democrats, Mr. Gepbardt joined the House Democratic whip, David Bonior, in opposing Mr. Clinton on another priority, the North American Free Trade Agreement. Having broken ranks themselves, they could hardly threaten to punish Demo-crats who went with the National Rifle Association, rather than the president, on the crime bill.

It is only one example of a larger problem. Mr. Clinton came to town full of ideas for changing Washington and the country, but the House Democrats, to whom he has increasingly tied himself, have been in power for 40 years. They not only like the status quo, they are the status quo. The Washington Post.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

How to Help Africa

Regarding "Africa Needs to Get Europe Involved Again in a Differ-ent Spirit" (Opinion, Aug. 15) by William Pfaff:

If European colonization is the miracle solution to anarchy, then perhaps Europe should start by experimenting within its own borders, say in Albania, Bosnia or some former Soviet republics, whose crises are no less lamentable than those of Africa.

True, the problems afflicting many African countries today are real and harsh. But the region is no more threatened in its existence than it was at the peak of the slave trade. The core lessons of Africa's history suggest the ultimate failure of foreign attempts to rob or shape its destiny.

African countries are members of the United Nations, which provides the most suitable legal framework for concerted action by the international community to resolve the crises assailing Africa.

The United Nations should be massively involved in Africa, not as in current, rearguard emergency operations but in preventive mode. with emphasis on fundamental freedoms and human rights, genuinely democratic institutions and processes of governance, federal constitunons devolving significant responsibilites and resources to the district his party's membership to back the level, and speedy political and eco-

For us Africans, these are the inescapable imperatives that will deliver lasting civil peace, interethnic harmony and socioeconomic modernization. That this is as possible in Africa as anywhere else is being demonstrated in varying degrees by Botswana, Namibia, Sonth

Africa and Zimbahwe. However, our struggle against dictatorship and anarchy in Africa is likely to be very long, bloody and costly without Haiti-type courageous actions by the United Nations to guarantee genuine demo-cratic systems and peace in its recalcitrant African member states.

MWAN NGOE.

Diamonds From Angola

Regarding the report "Angola Tragedy: An Abyss of Mistrust and Killings" (July 29):

The article states that UNITA representatives smuggle diamonds to Zaire "and sell them through middlemen to De Beers." The implication that De Beers bas some arrangement with middlemen for re-ceiving diamonds from UNITA is incorrect. De Beers does have licensed buying offices in Antwerp, Kinshasa and elsewhere where diamonds are bought on the outside market in competition with many other licensed dealers. Some of the diamonds purchased by De Beers

doubtless come from Angola. De Beers does not, bowever, knowingly buy diamonds from UNITA.

ANDREW LAMONT. De Beers/Centenary AG. London

'Gentle Good Humor'

The back-page article about Peter Mayle ("The Hangover From a Year in Provence," Aug. 10) misses the mark. Wouldn't it have been better to focus on his evocative prose and his obvious love for a country and a region than to dwell on what a small handful of people think of him?

I dare say, after bearing Mr. Mayle discuss his experiences for more than an hour one evening here in Boston, that he would love to be the anonymous person he once was and to still live where he and his wife did, just down the hillside from Menerbes. He didn't leave because some of the people there didn't like him. He left because be could get no peace from the rude, insensitive tourists who loved his book.

If the residents of the area harbor ill-feeling toward him, it says infinitely more about them than about Mr. Mayle, whose gentle good humor, I think, never sought to injure, but only to tell a wonderful and entertaining tale.

DOUGLAS KEITH. Boston.

A Revolutionary Message: Sexual Abstinence for Now

By Colman McCarthy

VV young sexual revolutionaries visited the White House the other day to be encouraged by President Bill Clinton to keep pursuing their goal of liberation.

If that sounds as though debauchery were the agenda, it is only because such notions as sexual liberation have come to be equated with reckless hedonism. A current and growing revolution differs from the conventional one: Its goal is abstinence, for teenagers to be liberated from peer and commer-

MEANWHILE

cial pressures that push or cajole the young into premarital sex. Kids have been lied to, sometimes by each other and often by celebrities and advertisers: If you're physically ready for cou-

tellectually and financially ready.
The other alluring falsity is that you can have no-consequence sex The group at the White House included teenage members of the Southern Baptist Convention. One of its houses of worship is Tulip

pling, then you're emotionally, in-

Grove Baptist Church in Nashville, Tennessee. Sixteen months ago, 59 teenagers at the church were inspired by their minister to sign pledge cards stating: "Believing that true love waits, I make a commitment to God. myself, my family. those I date, my future mate and my future children to be sexually pure until the day I enter marriage.

Some 211,000 of these signed cards, gathered from around the nation, were staked to the ground on the Washington Mall in late July when 20,000 teenagers assembled for the National Youth for Christ Evan-gelical Conference. This is a movement that deserves full political and moral support, which the president offered at the White House.

Until lately, the issue of teenage sexuality has been dominated by those calling for safe sex and contraceptive sex. Advocates of no sex which is really a call for responsible behavior - are dismissed as being

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WASHINGTON — Some 150 out of touch and hopelessly idealistic. Anyone going further and daring to suggest to junior high and high school kids that mating at that age is wrong and immoral risks being tarred as a prude or a preacher, just about the worst epithets available short of the meanest of all. You're old-fashioned."

The message from the kids in the True Love Waits campaign is that they have rejected the new fashion. They define sexual abstinence as self-respect, not self-denial. It takes social courage, even a touch of rebelliousness, to move in the opposite direction of a society in which, ac-cording to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, three of four high school students said they had had sex hy the time of graduation and 40 percent by ninth grade.

For many adolescents, if the security of a loving family is absent. or a bonding with a teacher, coach or spiritual mentor has not occurred. then too often the only available affirmation of love is from someone else in the same lonely fix, with sex creating the illusion that the ties are deep and lasting.

For others, parents are often flops at moral training. Teachers shy away from stressing abstincace for fear they will be accused of promoting a religious belief. So kids flounder, lost in the feeling of aloneness that is often the severest emotional pain in adolescence.

In the current issue of Celebrate Life magazine, Kathleen Carver of the Washington-based National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry states that most teenagers desire to be moral about sex: "But they are in a position where they have to make the decision alone ... All teens are making decisions, and they are bombarded with so many inconsistent messages that they don't know where the truth lies. Therefore, they are on their own.

No more. In the policy debates on teenage pregnancy, which range from harangues from the right to deny welfare to low-income unwed mothers to ideologues on the left out to saturate high schools with condom dispensers, the voices of kids are now being heard. The young are

likely to listen to the young.

What parent would not be proud
of a son or daughter who had the moral maturity both to resist the sex-drenched culture and to affirm his or her self-worth, especially if the parent has nurtured the youngster along the hazardous way?

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BOOKS

SHADOWS OF HOPE: A Freethinker's Guide to Politics in the Time of Clin-

By Sam Smith. 268 pages. \$22.50. Indiana University

Reviewed by Colman McCarthy

O N the jacket copy, Sam Smith is called "an alterna-tive journalist." Not true. His work is not different from what quality journalism ought to be: truth-seeking, independent, fair-minded and debunking Alternative journalists are those who have ahandoned those standards, belaboring the obvious, hedging any risky bet, courting the powerful and putting it all into spiritless prose. That's the alternative press from which Sam Smith flees and is labeled a fugitive only because anyone who breaks from the pack is seen as running

the wrong way.
In "Shadows of Hope," Smith penetrates the darkness with the language and probing skills of such earlier independents as George Seldes, I. F. Stone and Tristram Colfin.

• Marisa Paredes, Spanish stage and screen actress, is reading "Nadie es Perfecto: Billy Wilder" ("A Close-Up") by Helmuth Karasek.

"My daughter gave me the book for my birthday. It's the very entertaining story of Billy Wilder and it tells about all of his ups and downs since arriving in Hollywood." (Al Goodman, IHT)

Like them, Smith publishes his own newsletter — the Progressive Review, a monthly that bristles with wit, insight and dabs of clearheaded furning.

- even overflowing in places. Smith, a Washingtonian wbo reported his first story during the Eisenhower administration, has seen enough of what he calls the "capital culture" to know that positive change, if it arrives at all, will come from the bot-tom, not the top. "The con-flict," he writes, "can no longer be the phony battle between liberals and conservatives that leaves us the choice of control by huge corporations, buge goveroment, or a conspiracy between the two. The question is

vidual and community to the center of American political Smith the question-raiser has

an idea or two, or 200, on how Those qualities are here too to begin the work of restoration. It's in local power, "decentralized action" that devolves to where citizens live and feel the brunt of federal remoteness or control. As proof that from-below change has greater impact than from-above change, Smith cites several examples of local action and pressure: "While the tobacco lobby ties up Washington, 750 cities and communities have passed indoor smoking laws." On the Brady law, "by the time the federal government got around to acting on it, half the states had passed similar whether we can restore the indi-

role of wry observer. He's City Paper: grouchiness with wit. He discusses "the politics of toys," otherwise known as false god." programs of federal waste:
"Ronald Reagan's political toy

lars without producing anything that worked."

Smith eovers plenty of ground, which means he trips occasionally. His criticism of the Clinton administration's community service program is uninformed. He says, for example, "There is a strong argument to be made that there are better ways of encouraging community service than by spending more than \$30 an hour for it, as the Clinton program will do in

its early stages."

He doesn't provide a source for the figure. I checked with Eli Segal, director of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and be says Smith's numbers are wildly inflated. College students involved in the Clinton service program are to receive minimum-wage stipends, plus education awards that add no more than \$3 an bour. Program costs will vary widely but the total is far short of \$30 an hour.

Two pages after Smith's gripe he claims that community service programs have much appeal to polincians and policy hustlers because they are "inex-pensive." So which is it: high cost or low cost?

Smith's strengths are in laying out the specifics of what he Amid the explorations of localized progress, Smith assumes the lesser but more entertaining only our political policies but role of wry observer. He's the very way we regard politics. cranky in the manner of Until we bring politics home-Charles Peters of the Washing-ton Monthly or Jack Shafer of its phony expertise and under devolving its power, abdicating

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BRIDGE

By Alan Truscott

TN the diagrammed deal South found himself in four spades as shown after his partner had shown a strong raise with a Drury two-club re-

West led the club jack. South won with the ace and led a hears. West played low and dummy's jack won. The heart queen was played and a dia-mond discarded, a loser-on-los-

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er move. West took his ace and led a club to dummy's king. South cashed the heart king. discarding the diamond jack, and led a diamond to the ace. He then ruffed a club with the spade jack, ruffed a diamond, and ruffed his last club with the spade ten. The ending, with South needing two more tricks.

was this:

South led the spade six, and played low from his hand. This deep finesse against the eight brought home the game. South's spade four was the crucial card. If East had held 8-4 instead of 8-3, he could have covered the six with the eight.

Then the uppercut with the four would have succeeded.

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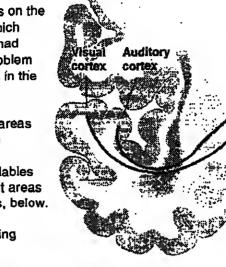
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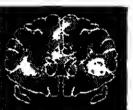
Timing Flaws And Reading Trouble

New research on reading difficulties points to a deficiency of cells in a region of the left brain that handles fast processing of sounds; the region, the medial geniculate nucleus of the thalamus, processes impulses on the way to the auditory cortex, which interprets speech. Scientists had already identified a similar problem with visual processing in cells in the lateral geniculate nucleus.

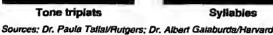
The auditory problem affects areas that are active when the brain absorbs fast-changing sound impulses like tone triplets, syllables and words, as shown by bright areas in PET scans of normal brains, below. The region is inactive when processing the long, unchanging signals of vowels, right.

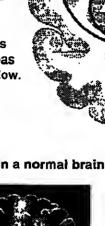


Stimulation of processing area in a normal brain











geniculata

from retina

Visual pathway



Verticle cross

section of the

left brain

Thalamus

Auditory

pathway

Medial geniculate

Auditory pathway

Cochlea

(sound

receiver)

Dyslexia: A Flaw in Brain Circuit?

By Sandra Blakeslee New York Times Service

EW YORK - Researchers say they have pinpointed a funda-mental hrain flaw that may be a major factor in the development of some forms of dyslexia, a learning dis-ability that affects millions of schoolchildren and adults.

The finding, published in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, suggests that dyslexia is at root not a visual or ordinary hearing problem, as many have thought, but a flaw in a specific brain circuit that handles rapidly flowing

auditory information.

The study found that the left brain hemispheres of dyslexic children usually contain few cells of the kind that specialize in comprehending rapid sounds and that this comprehension problem is a major factor in their later difficulty in learning to read. The researchers say the effects dyslexia begin in infancy, when such children are unable to hear many compo-

nents of ordinary language. Methods of treating dyslexia, or difficulty in reading, have generally had un-even success. This is a medical problem with a neurological basis," said Dr. Paula Tallal, a leader in the new research. "It's not the fault of the child, the parents or the schools." Dr. Tallal is co-director of the Center for Molecular and Behavioral Neuroscience at Rutgers University's Newark campus in New Jersey.

Dr. Tallal and her colleagues have just completed a pilot study of ways to help children with this form of dyslexia compensate for the hrain defect. While results have not yet been analyzed, Dr. Tallal said, "we are very encouraged by what we saw." In March, the Charles A. Dana Foundation in New York awarded a three-year grant of \$2.3 million to Dr. Tallal and four other scientists who are spearheading the revised view of dyslexia.

The new research is "really exciting." said Will Baker, executive director of the National Dyslexia Research Foundation in Boca Grande, Florida.

By Jane E. Brody

■ EW YORK — Osteoporosis and

the factors that may help to pre-

vent or cause it have received

much attention in the last decade.

Bone specialists have identified insuffi-

cient calcium in the diet, lack of exercise,

cigarette smoking and a natural hormonal

decline at menopause as major contribu-

tors to the weakened, fragile bones of os-

porosis has been largely overlooked: the role played hy medications that have bone

In a new booklet, the National Osteopo-

rosis Foundation, based in Washington,

calls attention to this effect of many im-

portant medications and suggests that

But one important contributor to osteo-

teoporosis, a bone-wasting disease.

loss as a major side effect.

Dr. Tallal, who heads the group effort, began working on dyslexia in the early 1970s. Back then, educators put nearly all word that is introduced into the right ear, their emphasis on the analysis of reading, she said. Speech pathologists and vision specialists paid close attention to the eyes and ears, devising exercises to help chil-

dren recognize sounds and written words. "I wanted to ask what is going on in the hrain that would lead to problems in lan-guage and reading." Dr. Tallal said. "This put me on the fringe."

Dr. Tallal's early research described how language-impaired children some-times had trouble integrating sensory events. "I really had an 'Aha!' phenomenon," she said in a recent interview. "I thought maybe it's that they have difficul-

ty in processing fast speech sounds.
"I looked at the acoustics of speech," she said. "What are the critical cues that differentiate one speech sound from another? The speech stream is very complicated. When you put sounds together, everything starts moving fast. You need to analyze individual sounds, put them in the right order and keep up with the meaning."

OME speech sounds, such as pure vowels like "aaaaahh," occur in a steady flow that continues for more than 100 milliseconds (a tenth of a second), Dr. Tallal said.

But other sounds are characterized by rapid changes. The so-called stop-consonant syllables - ba, da, ga, pa, ta and ka - have a transitional period in which the initial consonant frequency changes very rapidly to the frequency of the vowel.

The initial "b" vibration in the sound "ba" lasts for only 40 milliseconds before switching to the "ah." The brain has to distinguish these fast transitions to discriminate stop-consonant syllables. Dr. Tallal said. But other sounds, such as "ma." do not depend on a fast transition, she said. The "m" typically lasts a hundred or more

milliseconds before the "ah." Dr. Tallal said listening experiments done in the 1970s had also led her to think about auditory timing in the brain. In such experiments, a different word is introduced

Some Drugs Tied to Osteoporosis

tion to prevention might help protect the

bones while accomplishing the desired

Glucocorticoids, one of the most useful

and widely prescribed class of drugs, are major offenders when it comes to bones.

Glucocorticoids, introduced in the late

1940s, are synthetic versions of the steroids

tions that are often treated with glucocorti-

coids, like arthritis, asthma, allergies, ulcer-

ative colitis, liver disease, lupus, cancer and

organ transplants. The drugs include corti-

sone and hydrocortisone, prednisone and

prednisolone, triamcinolone, methylpredni-

solone, dexamethasone, becamethasone.

flunisolide and beclomethasone dipropion-

ate. They act on the immune system, sup-

pressing inflammation and runaway im-

About 50 million Americans have condi-

produced by the adrenal glands.

therapeutic goal.

subject. Most people tend to pick up the word that is introduced into the right ear, she said, presumably because it goes to the left side of the hrain, which is specialized

for language, But in further tests, Dr. Tallal found that only words with stop consonants and the fast-timing requirement yield this so-called right car advantage. If sounds like "ba" are artificially stretched out - turning the 40millisecond transition into a 100-millisecond transition — the right ear advantage is less pronounced.

In other experiments, Dr. Tallal presented brain-damaged adults with nonverbal tones arriving 10 milliseconds apart. Those with right-hrain damage could hear both tones just fine, she said, but those with leftbrain damage could not

That led to a second idea, Dr. Tallal said. "Maybe the reason we have left specialization for language," she theorized, "is not for speech alone, but for rapid temporal pro-These ideas remained improvable she said, until scientists could probe the hrain with new imaging and anatomical

The hig task before researchers is to find the cause of the hrain malfunction. Is it a problem with just the cell types in the medial geniculate or a broader malfunction involving larger hrain circuits?

All of this research suggests new ways to treat dyslexia. While some of the techniques used today help dyslexics somewhat, many children remain frustrated and continue to have reading problems throughout their lives.

Dr. Michael Merzenich, a neuroscientist at the University of California in San Francisco and an expert on how the brain gets reorganized after new experiences, is working with Dr. Tallal in devising new techniques for dyslexic children.

Among other strategies, they have developed computers that draw out the stop consonants, giving dyslexic children enough time to hear them. The hope is that their hrains, after hearing the sounds for the first time, will develop alternative pathways for processing them.

mune responses, like the ones that occur in

The drugs are often life-sustaining for

transplant patients, who might otherwise

reject their new organs, and they are im-

portant components of cancer chemo-

therapy. But they can interfere with the

absorption of dietary calcium, stimulate

the action of bone-destroying cells called

osteoclasts and inhibit the action of bone-

Another of the most commonly pre-

scribed medications in the United States is

thyroid hormone, which is sold, for exam-

ple, under the hrand name Synthroid, pro-

duced by Boots Laboratories. It is given to

people whose own thyroid glands are not

sufficiently active. When administered at

high doses, or when the thyroid gland

produces too much hormone, thyroid bor-

mone can cause bone loss.

allergies and autoimmune diseases.

building cells called osteoblasts.

A Prozac a Day Puts Fido's Itch on Hold

By Tracy Thompson

ASHINGTON — Prozac has made Charlie Norton a calmer, saner man. Not only has the constant licking stopped, so has that maddening "arrigh" be was hearing in the middle of the night at the foot of his bed.

it was his golden retriever, Sunny, whose trouble with allergies and itching had de-veloped into a full-blown compulsion to gnaw on her paw. Mr. Norton and his wife had tried lotions, antihistamines and ailergy tests. Then the family veterinarian hit upon the cure: one Prozac a day. In two weeks, the little green-and-white capsule had turned Sunny into a happy puppy.

It's true: Prozac - that annidepressant wonder drug — has yet one more power. It cures dogs of the itch. Well, not of the itch, exactly, but of something far deeper in the

dog psyche: the urge to scratch. Credit for this discovery goes to Steven Melman, a veterinarian in Potomac, Maryland, with a specialty of veterinary dermatology. Five years ago researchers at the National Institute of Mental Health, look-ing into obsessive-compulsive disorders in humans, found that traditional antidepressants could cure compulsive behaviors in dogs. Dr. Melman decided to take that discovery a step further. He tried Prozac, then new on the market.

The results were dramatic: Dr. Melman's compulsive lickers and chewers abandoned their habits. Even inveterate tail-chasers got mellow. Today, he estimates he has dosed about 100 dogs with Prozac, with gratifying results.

And if dogs, why not cats? Actually, Dr. Melman says, cats lack a particular liver enzyme that metabolizes certain drugs, including aspirin and Prozac.

He refuses to speculate about the psychic implications of his discovery, limiting

himself to the more prosaic applications of Prozac in dermatology.

Dr. Melman has put most of his energies into natural cures, even inventing his own line of all-natural dog lotions and sham-

"Drugs are an absolute last resort," he said. But when all else has failed, Prozac is "the shortest distance between two

Dogs exhibit an array of behaviors that have psychological origins, he said, although they may initially appear as physi-cal ailments. Often exacerbated by the boredom of being cooped up in an empty house all day, those behaviors range from compulsive biting and scratching to selfmutilation, object fixation, thunderstorm phobias, aggressive tendencies and tail-

News that Prozac has caught on among veterinarians has caused some headscratching at the Food and Drug Administration. Prozac is not on the PDA's list of human drugs with a recognized use in animals. A spokeswoman said the agency rarely looks into drug use in animals unless the animals are intended for human consumption. The FDA sees no reason to interfere "as long as it doesn't harm the animal and it's intended to prevent suffer-

Dr. Melman warns that, in the wrong dosages, Prozac can be fatal to animals, and he fears that publicity may tempt some people to just feed their own pills to old Sparky when he causes trouble. "Or, what's more likely, people will come in and get it for Sparky and take it themselves," he said. "That's what I worry about."

He said he thought that Prozac could have other uses in animals. One might be to treat compulsive feather-plucking in birds. Another might be to treat cribbing in horses — an affliction in which horses gnaw on the wooden edges of feed troughs or stall doors and gulp air until they swell

IN BRIEF

Mother-Infant AIDS Linked To Amount of Virus in Blood

NEW YORK (NYT) - In findings that bear directly on prevention of mother-toinfant transmission of the AIDS virus, two new studies show that the likelihood of infecting offspring rises with the amount of the virus in a pregnant woman's blood.

The studies, from researchers in the New York State Health Department and New York University, are believed to be the first to measure the amount of the HIV virus in infected women during pregnancy and at delivery and in the infant during its first months of life.

On average, only one in four babies born to infected mothers develops AIDS, a mystery that the current studies help to clarify. The correlation could also be important in pointing the way toward new treatments to prevent transmission of the virus from mother to infant, the authors of the reports and federal health officials said.

The health department study also showed that pregnancy did not make AIDS worse in women, which challenges

Estrogen Treatment Urged For Breast Cancer Survivors

CHICAGO (Reuters) - Survivors of breast cancer are commonly denied treatment with the hormone estrogen, which can help menopausal women, because of a mistaken belief that the hormone will reac-

tivate their cancer cells, researchers say.
"We believe it is time for a change, and we believe that the time is right to study the effects of estrogen replacement therapy," Melody Cohleigh, of Rush-Presbyterian-St. Luke's Medical Center in Chicago, wrote in the latest issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

Estrogen can lessen the annoying and sometimes debilitating symptoms of menopanse and has been shown to reduce coronary heart disease and maintain bone density in women. However, the treatment was usually discouraged for breast cancer survivors because of concern that dormant tumors might become activated and that

the resulting increased breast density could delay diagnosis of a recurrence. In Sydney, Australian scientists say they have found a breast cancer "marker" gene that may allow them to predict survival more accurately and improve drug therapies. The gene cyclin DI causes breast cancer cells to multiply more rapidly if it is overabundant in breast tissue, they say.

Asthma Drug Found Useful In Controlling Croup Cases

-WASHINGTON (WP) - A new study suggests that a common asthma drug, ap-proved for use in Canada and Europe and now undergoing testing in the United States, can effectively control croup and reduce costly hospitalizations.

The study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, suggests that

inhaling a gentle mist of the drug hudesonide can effectively control mild to moderate croup symptoms quickly, painlessly

sands of children sidelined each year with croup, a viral infection that causes hoarseness, breathing difficulties and heavy coughing. In the most severe cases, doctors often administer dexamethasone, a powerful corticosteroid, but the drug can cause intestinal bleeding.

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Warning on Epilepsy Drug **Curbs Use in Many Cases**

WASHINGTON (WP) - The warning that an effective new drug to control epilepsy can cause a potentially fatal form of anemia leaves doctors and patients with a difficult choice.

Both the Food and Drug Administration and Carter-Wallace, makers of the drug, issued warnings earlier this month urging doctors to begin weaning patients from felbamate, marketed as Felbatol. The notices came after 10 people taking felhamate developed aplastic anemia, a rare and often fatal blood disorder. Two people died. Since the warning, 11 more have been diagnosed with aplastic anemia and two more have died, the FDA said. "It's very upsetting and disappointing for a number of patients who have found a partial answer to their problems," said Robert Fisher, director of the epilepsy center at the Barrow Neurological Institute in Phoenix,

"We have essentially advised all our patients to go off the drug," said Ronald Lesser, director of the epilepsy center at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions.

U.S. Rise in Tuberculosis Linked to Foreign Origins CHICAGO (Reuters) - Nearly two-

thirds of the rise in U.S. tuberculosis cases since 1985 occurred among foreign-born people, highlighting a need for closer screening of inamigrants, researchers say.

Incidence of the disease dropped sharply from the 1950s to the mid-1980s, but rose 20 percent between 1985 and 1992. Foreign-born victims of the disease during that period accounted for 60 percent of the total increase, according to Michael Cantwell of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta.



A scanning electron micrograph portrait of a Gigantiops ant.

True Rulers of the World Portrayed in a New Guide

By Nicholas Wade New York Times Service

EW YORK - Though humans assume without question that their species dominates the world, hy most objective measures the palm goes to the ants. Humans dwell complainingly in a narrow range of climates; ants live without demur at every extreme, in tundra and rain forest, in swamp and desert, deep beneath the earth and in the topmost trees.

Humans the world over are much the same, and apart from some trivial variations in hair and skin color it is as hard (taxonomically speaking) to tell one from another as it is with peas in a pod. But the tribes of ants vary so riotously that the largest known species is 40 times the size of the smallest.

Each human society practices much the same mix of business, leisure and war, ant communities specialize in a vast variety of occupations. Some are harvesters, some are weavers, and some muster in huge traveling armies. There are ants that culture funguses, ants that nurture butterfly larvae and ants that make slaves of other

Since humans are so recent an addition to the planet's fauna, there is but one living species of them, which is prohably quite

enough. Ants, have been around for 100 million years and exist in an estimated 15,000 extant species, of which only about 10,000 are known to science. Even myrmecologists, students of ants, can get confused about species or genus.

To help them out, a guide and photographic key to the correct classification of ants has now been prepared by Barry Bolton, a myrmecologist at the Natural History Museum in London. His guide gives the head and side view of representative mem-bers of the known ant subfamilies and genera, but it does not attempt to go from the genus to the species level. Every feature of an ant's physiognomy,

each whirl and notch and sculptural curlicue, has an evolutionary purpose, Mr. Bolton says, but in most cases no one knows what it is. "There are umpteen lifetimes of work in this subject," he says happily. But biologists can guess at some major

features. The enormous eyes of some species, as in the photograph above, are an adaptation of hunting ants. Long jaws with pincers on the end are to hold at a distance prey that fight back or release noxious

Harvard's Museum of Comparative Zoology has the world's best collection of ants. London's Natural History Museum has the second-best -- "but I'm working on it," Mr. Bolton says.

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By Edward A. Gargan
New York Times Service

the frenzy of building that has seen prop-

erty values soar beyond even Tokyo'a

galactic heights.

But Gordon Wu, from his office 64

floors above a skyline of mirrored stalagmites, dismisses the way of his fellow

"That's for every Tom, Dick, Harry and Trump," he grumped. "I want to go

Mr. Wu has been hugely successful in property and buildings, although like many developers he had a nasty scare

when the market fell apart in the early

1980s. But for the last decade he has

concentrated on long-term projects,

building superhighways and power

ably the world's largest independent power producer," Mr. Wu said, his ver-

bal swagger more offhand than boastful.

He has four power projects up and running, one in China and three in the

Philippines. Two more are under con-

struction, one in China and another in

the Philippines, and negotiations are un-der way for more in China, Indonesia

Last month, Mr. Wu opened China's

"There's no doubt we'll become prob-

into infrastructure."

plants throughout Asia.

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the biggest game in town bere. The wealth of those in the

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SEC Slaps Securities **Practices**

Coopers Auditor Gets Suspended

Bloomberg Business News
WASHINGTON — The Securities and Exchange Commission on Wednesday suspended a former Coopers & Lybrand auditor from practicing before the SEC for five years, saying he bad approved the financial statements of a Florida-based insurer even though he knew the company was engaging in sham transactions with a unit of Merrill Lynch & Co.

Donald Withers, who left Coopers & Lybrand last year, agreed to settle the charges without admitting or denying guilt, according to a statement issued by the SEC.

The SEC also said it had begum an administrative proceeding against Charles Marini, wbo served as a controller for Guarantee Security Life Insurance Co. of Jacksonville, Florida, between 1984 and 1991.

The agency said it would hold hearings on charges that Mr. Marini had violated recordkeeping requirements and abetted other violations by Transmark USA Inc., Guarantee's

parent company.

The SEC alleged that Guarantee transferred the ownership of junk bonds in its investment portfolio to Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith at the end of each year and received cash or U.S. Treasury securities in return.

"By engaging in sham sales of a large portion of Guarantee's portfolio of high-yield securities on the last trading day of the fiscal year and replacing these securities with a less risky asset, and then reversing the transactions within the first few trading days of the new fiscal year, Transmark manipulated key indicators of its financial bealth relied on by investors and state regulators," the SEC A Magerial Country of the Country of

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Asian Tycoon Tackles Infrastructure

southern China.

first superhighway, a \$1.1 billion, six-lane toll road running 77 miles (124 kilo-meters) from the border of Hong Kong to Guangzhou, the commercial hub of

Work on a second highway, from the Portuguese colony of Macao to Guangz-

hou, starts in October, and Mr. Wu

hopes to finish a 650-kilometer highway

from Guangzhou to Changsha, the capi-

'You have to like the

concept of building roads

need roads and they need

tal of Hunan Province in central China,

before the end of the century.

"I'll explain the logic of this," Mr. Wu

said, unfurling a map of China on the mahogany conference table in his office.

cessful. If you look at the history of

America, you have Boston. You have Philadelphia. You have Baltimore, Sa-

vannah. How come all of these ports were not No. 1? How come New York

was No. 1? It was because of the Hudson

River, the Erie Canal, the Great Lakes. If

"I want Hong Kong to be really suc-

and power plants. They

power plants in Asia.'

John Pinkel, analyst at HG Asia

Capitalism's Cutting Edge Shanghai Entrepreneurs Travel New Paths

After months of lobbying

Beijing authorities for ap-

proval, Dazhong Taxi recent-

ly converted enough domesti-

cally owned shares in the

company, or A shares, into

those available to foreigners,

or B shares, to give non-Chinese investors the largest

Chinese company, raised

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'We will need

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greater flexibility

By Kevin Murphy national Herald Tribu

SHANGHAI - Scrambling for capital and critical mass. China's leading busi-nesses are stretching the limits of state control in ways almost unimaginable four

years ago.
Early in its experiment with publicly traded companies, Beijing swapped minority stakes in China's best companies for private capital and entrepreneurial exper-

But few leaders could have anticipated that foreign sbarebolders would drive Shanghai Dazhong Taxi Co., or that Shanghai Phoenix Bicycle Co. would build Taiwanese scooters, or that Shanghai Tìre & Rnbber Co. would set up a research facility in Akron, Ohio, the heart of the U.S. rubber industry.

With foreign investment change and bolstered Dazand greater entrepreneurial hong's independence from freedom, all three companies state interference by transare poised to further expand and diversify, with much less direction from the state. "Things have developed a bttle faster than the govern-

forming nonliquid "legal-person" shares beld by other state-owned companies into B shares. We think it's a milestone ment probably expected, of internationalization for said Yang Guoping, chair-man of Dazhong Taxi, "But Chinese companies," said

high-speed development, like Mr. Yang of a transaction

cars, needs some controls to with wide ideological and be safe." with wide ideological and practical consequences. "I know there are a lot of companies that want to be the

next to do it." In a move that will further expand foreign-shareholder control over the onetime state utility, Dazhong is seeking, regulatory approval to issue bonds that can be converted into B shares over a period of The deal, a first for a listed

With the proceeds of the July A-to-B share conversion and the planned convertible bond. Dazhong plans to expand its taxi operating fran-chise to other cities across China.

Also, reflecting greater competition and price con-trols in Shanghai, Dazhong will hasten to expand its autoservice business and develop fleet leasing using expertise from Hertz Corp.
As even China's best com-

panies face difficulties raising capital domestically for expansion as Beijing attempts to slow a runaway economy, most are turning to interna-tional capital, if they can, where funds are available and

relatively cheap.
"We need 1 billion renminbi [\$110 million] for our See CHINA, Page 11

American Home Buys Cyanamid For \$9.7 Billion

NEW YORK - American Home Products Corp. agreed Wednesday to buy its drug industry competitor American Cyanamid Co. for \$9.7 billion.

The price represents a 6.3 percent premium to American Home's original bid two weeks ago of \$95 a sbare, or \$9.07 billion, and a 60 percent premium to Cyanamid's stock price before American Home's offer. American Home will pay Cyanamid shareholders \$101

per share in cash, creating a drug, food and agricultural chemicals concern with more than \$12 billion a year in sales. Included are American

Home's flagship brands, the painkillers Advil and Anacin, its Chef Boyardee, Gulden's mustard and other food brands, along with Cyanamid's Centrum vitamins, surgical devices, vaccines, and a variety of insecticides and herbicides.

American Cyanamid shares surged \$2.25 to \$96.50 on the New York Stock Exchange. while American Home rose 37.5 cents to \$59.25.

The deal is the biggest of a series of bealth care industry

mergers over the past several years that have been spurred by the desire of companies to grow to protect profits in an era of reform and cost-cutting.

The merger has been approved by the boards of both companies, they announced.

American Home will revise its \$95 tender offer to Cyanamid sharebolders up to \$101 and will give shareholders an extra week, until Sept. 14, to

The deal is the culmination of about a month's worth of discussions between the top executives of the two companies.

"After a thorough analysis of American Home Products' increased offer, our board concluded that a combination of the two companies would maximize value for our stockholders and lead to the creation of a highly competitive participant in our markets," Albert Costel-lo, Cyanamid's chairman and chief executive, said.

Mr. Costello had initially been cool to a deal, which was introduced to him in a July

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European Stocks Rally on U.S. Rate Rise Average personal earnings, more reliable figure, fell to 2.2

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches LONDON - Most Europe-

an stock markets rose Wednesday, led by London, as investors viewed the rise in U.S. interest rates Tuesday as a sign of determination to fight infla-

Dealers said the half-percentage-point rise in U.S. rates was seen as a decisive and lasting move by the Federal Reserve Board to keep inflation in check. U.S. rates are now expected to remain stable for at

you want Hong Kong to be on the map, the only way to do it is to put this road

company, Hopewell Holdings, have won a reputation for boldness.

With such plans, Mr. Wu and his main

"The company," a Credit Lyonnais

Securities report said, bas acquired something of a reputation for becoming

involved in visionary and often risky projects in locations where other inves-

Analysts of Mr. Wu's empire, a tangle

of companies including botels, construction, power plant management, engi-

neering finance and highway concerns,

tend to admire his vision but confess to having difficulty figuring it all out.
"It's very difficult to value the compa-

ny because the projects are very com-plex," said John Pinkel, an analyst at HG

It is very difficult to get a hold on the complex subsidiaries and the cash flow

and the financing situation. But he does have a vision," Mr. Pinkel added. "You bave to like the concept of building roads

and power plants. The concept is very

sound. They need roads, and they need

power plants in Asia. But the mechanics

of doing it are very, very difficult." Mr. Wu, 58, was born in the Wanchai

district in Hong Kong, about balf a mile

from from the glittery central business

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into the center of China."

tors feared to tread."

least the next quarter, they said. "The half-point rise is the right thing, and it won't burt the market," a dealer in London said. "We consider this is sufficient on U.S. rates for some time, and the market seems to be taking the same view." British shares posted the big-

gest gains after government data showed inflation at a 27year low and unemployment falling, apparently ruling out an immediate rise in British interest rates, dealers said. The Financial Times-Stock

Exchange 100-share index rose pharmaceutical stocks. In Paris, the CAC-40 index of

blue-chip issues added 1.12 percent, to 2,034.98. But the Mibtel index in Mi-

ged by the weak lira and ongoing political concerns.

In Britain, the so-called beadline inflation rate fell to 2.3

percent in July from 2.6 percent in June, the Central Statistical Office said. Analysts had been expecting inflation of 2.6 per-

excludes mortgage interest payments and is thought to be the June.

percent annually in July - the lowest rate since 1975 - from a forward indicator of retail 2.4 percent in June. Analysts had

predicted a figure of 2.5 percent. The British Chambers of Commerce said the figures confirmed that inflationary pressures remained muted.

"It would be premature of the government to put up interest rates with such low inflation and only a third of firms working to full capacity," said Richard Brown, deputy directorgeneral of the agency.

The Bank of England said 1.37 percent, to 3,190.30, led by improvement in banking and last month it might have to raise rates to head off inflation. But Nick Parsons, an econo-

mist at Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, said Wednesday's figures showed But the Mibtel index in Milan bucked the trend, losing 1.53 percent, to 10,235.00, dogged by the weak lira and ongosumer-related prices shows no need for a base rate rise."

The government also said that the number of Britons without work fell, on a seasonally adjusted basis, for the sixth consecutive month, to 2,632,000 in July. That put the Underlying inflation, which unemployment rate at 9.3 per-

which are seen by economists as prices, rose 3.75 percent in the 12 months through June, unchanged from May, in line with analysts' expectations. (Bloom-berg, Knight-Ridder, AFX)

■ Swedish Currency Drops

The Swedish krona fell as investors panicked on reports of the opposition Social Democratic Party's plans for the economy if it wins a general election next month, Reuters reported from Stockholm.

The dollar rose to 7.8923 kro-New York from 7.8253

Tuesday.
"Foreigners are sellingthey're getting out of Sweden," a foreign-exchange trader said. But the stock market edged up, with the benchmark Affaersvaeriden index rising 0.65 percent, to 1,883.63 points.

The latest polls point to victory for the Social Democrats in the Sept. 18 election. Instead of detailed spending cuts com-bined with tax increases that financial markets bad been expecting, reports in the Swedish press said the Social Democrats would slash interest rates and work for lower unemployment.

Pinault Is Set To Acquire Most of FNAC

PARIS - The real estate magnate François Pinault looked set Wednesday to add FNAC, France's leading books and music chain, to his stable of major retailers he has bought up in recent years.

Cie. Générale des Eaux, which owns a third of FNAC, is expected to announce Thursday wbether it will exercise its right of first refusal over the twothirds stake beld by Credit Lyonnais, the troubled State-run 03

A source close to the deal said the water utility would probably maintain its stake but would not block Mr. Pinault's offer to buy Credit Lyonnais's stake, worth about 20 billion French francs (\$374 million).

Générale des Eaux and Credit Lyonnais bought FNAC late last year as part of a rescue package for its parent, GMF, a mutual insurance company originally set up for civil servants.

Investors Now Hope Bundesbank Stands Pat

FRANKFURT — Investors sellschaft GmbH in Stuttgart. economist at Commerzbank

tling cousin, the Bundesbank.

do nothing, because with such a measure they'd win time and terest rates. cool off all the pell-mell activity in the markets," said Werner Schneider of the Baden-Würt-

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches tembergische Kapitalanlagege dence," said Stefan Pelgrim, an

got the action they wanted from Bundesbank policy-makers AG. the Federal Reserve on Tues-day: a half-point boost in U.S. interest rates to squelch infla-tinterest rates to squelch infla-day: a half-point boost in U.S. week break. The discount rate is interest rates to squelch infla-4.50 percent, and the Lombard take into account bullish dotion. On Thursday, they'd like rate is 6.0 percent. Analysts said take into account bullish domestic trends such as slower M-some old-fashioned inaction the Bundesbank probably a money supply growth and infrom the Fed's inflation-bat- would try to show that its decision was not influenced by the 1 hope the Bundesbank will half-percentage point increase

A Swiss Bank Corp. econo-3 money supply growth and inflation.

Western German annual inflation slowed to 2.9 percent in July and is expected to continue

Landesbank Girozentrale in Duesseldorf said a strong economic recovery in the second quarter bas taken away the argument for lowering the rates immediately. But the Commerzbank economist Peter Mueller says the Bundesbank may lower rates just to end speculation that recent rises in Swedisb and Italian interest rates, compounded by the Fed's move, signaled an end to lower German rates.

(Bloomberg, Renners, AFX, e

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Buffett, Coke's Top Shareholder, Increases Stake ATLANTA — Warren Buf Coca-Cola and bas praised its A Coca-Cola spokeswoman, peared to be a response to a suit filed this year in Europe by

fett, long Coca-Cola Co.'s largest shareholder, bought 4.9 million more shares in July, boosting his stake to 99.9 million shares, according to filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Mr. Buffett purchased 4,900,980 shares between July I and July 25 at \$41.16 to \$42.68

Thus, Mr. Buffett has spent at least \$201 million to increase his stake in the world's largest beverage concern.

Buffett now owns 99,871,180 Coke shares, about 7.75 percent carnings in May, largely be-of the Atlanta-based company's cause of investment gains. shares outstanding.

more than \$4.6 billion, based on Coke's recent trading prices. In June, be bought 1.6 million shares, paying more than \$63 million.

slump despite consistently New York. strong earnings. Coke stock traded Wednesday at a record of \$46.375, but less than \$150 million" and 10

management. In seminars, the billionaire

investor has said: "If you are a know-something investor, able to understand business economics and to find five or 10 sensibly priced companies that possess important long-term competitive advantages, conventional diversification makes no sense for you."

He is chairman of the investment conglomerate Berkshire Hathaway Inc. in Omaha, Nebraska, which reported a leap in

That stake is worth slightly Suit Filed Over '87 Contract Satra Group said it bad filed a lawsuit against Coca-Cola

and Coke affiliates charging them with breaching a 1987 contract on terms of Coke's Coca-Cola stock only recent-by has broken out of a two-year slump despite consistently

Satra said the suit seeks "not trailed off later to \$46.125, up percent of Coke's sales in the

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Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches NEW YORK — Wall Street took a second look Wednesday at the Federal Reserve Board's interest-rate rise, with Treasury bond prices settling back and stocks consolidating after Tuesday's raily.

The Dow Jones industrial averaged closed 8.09 points lower at 3,776.48, but advancing is-

U.S. Stocks

sues led declining ones by an 11-to-9 ratio on the New York Stock Exchange.

30-year Treasury bond fell cal fell 1% to 694. The Dow 10/32 point, to 101 8/32, sending the yield up to 7.39 percent points to 188.04. from 7.37 percent Tuesday.

Conviction on Tuesday that Wednesday that higher rates would slow the economy and make fixed-rate investments equipment, and from Hewlett-Packard on Tuesday.

Drug stocks were boosted as more appealing.

Analysts said optimism to 7914.

about corporate earnings was being offset by a growing recog-nition that rising rates would lift corporate and consumer borrowing costs and make some fixed-rate investments more competitive.

Concern that higher rates will curb economic growth drove paper and chemical shares lower. The rate rise also hurt utilities, whose dividends become less attractive when yields on

fixed-income investments rise. International Paper dropped 14 to 71%. Boise Cascade eased 14 to 26%, and Weyerbaeuser The price of the benchmark declined 1 to 40%. Dow Chemi-Jones utilities average slid 1.65

Some technology shares rallied after stronger-than-expectthe Fed's half-percentage-point ed quarterly earnings from Aprate increase would stop infla-plied Materials, a maker of ed quarterly earnings from Aption gave way to concern semiconductor manufacturing

takeover speculation rose in the "There's a real question as to industry after American Cyanawhether higher interest rates are good for the economy, Chrisby American Home Products. good for the economy, Christie McClellan of Robertson, Stephens & Co. said. by American Home Products. Eli Lilly surged 3½ to 58 and Warner-Lambert advanced % (Bloomberg, AP)

Dollar Falls as Focus Shifts to Bundesbank

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatche NEW YORK - The dollar fell against the Deutsche mark Wednesday as the market speculated that the Bundesbank would not lower interest rates Thursday.

The dollar is weak against everything from Tuesday's close," said Brian O'Rourke,

Foreign Exchange

chief dealer at Sumitomo Trust. There was lot of blood out there, and the wounds haven't healed yet."

In Europe, the dollar was un-able to sustain a rally that came after the U.S. Federal Reserve Board raised sbort-term interest

rates Tuesday. German assets will remain more attractive to investors than those denominated in the U.S. currency because U.S.

rates are still lower.
The dollar finished at 1.5516 DM in New York, down from 1.5615 DM on Tuesday. It declined against most other major currencies as well, falling to 100.14 yen from 100.49 yen.

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

The dollar finished at 5,3275 French francs, down from 5.3540, and fell to 1.3035 Swiss francs from 1.3114 Swiss

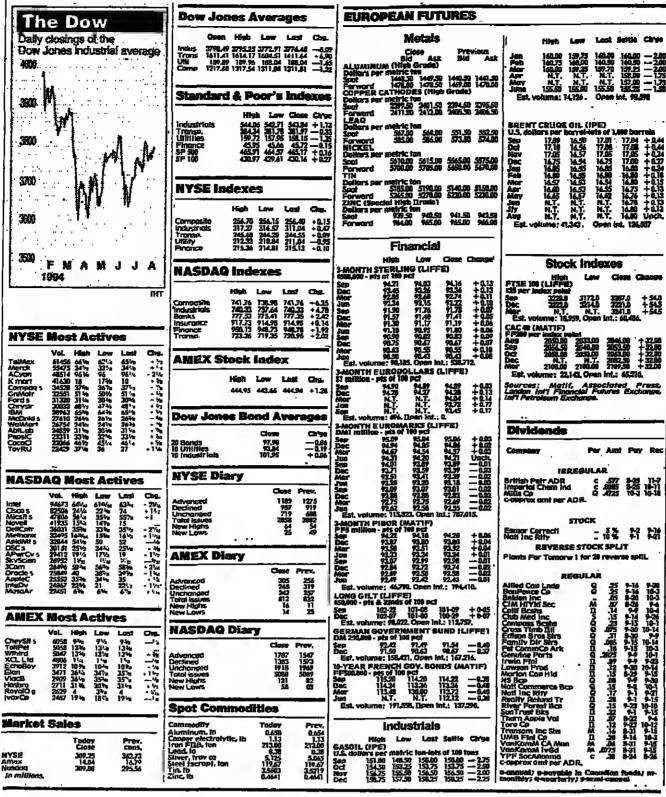
The pound was up to \$1.5415, compared with \$1.5395.

"The rate hike was widely expected, and now we've resumed the downward course of the wyse dollar," said Alfonso Alejo, senior proprietary trader at Sakura Bank Ltd. The dollar climbed Tuesday after the Federal Reserve raised rates.

Investors reasoned that the Bundesbank would hold rates steady amid mounting evidence that the German economic recovery was strengthening. Faster growth is often accompanied by higher inflation, a prospect the German central bank finds abborrent.

If the Bundeshank does not act, that will leave Germany's discount rate at 4.5 percent, compared with the 4 percent charged by the Fed.

(Reuters, Bloomberg)



MERGER: American Home Products Buys Cyanamid for \$9.7 Billion

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phone call from John Stafford, chairman of American Home. In making the first bid on Aug. 2, Mr. Stafford said his company had been watching

Mr. Costello's efforts to make Cyanamid more profitable. reins of Cyanamid 18 months cant number of new potentially ago, has cut costs and shed un- profitable products in the profitable divisions in an effort

to \$63 at the time of the American Home offer, Still, analysts have noted that said bow much. Mr. Costello, who took the neither company bas a signifito transform the company from size as the main motivation for a slow-growing chemical con-

The companies did not imcern to one more rooted in pharmaceuticals.
This year, Cyanamid got tello would have a position in back in the black after an unprofitable 1993 and its share though job cuts are expected as price rose from a range near \$45 redundant administrative, sales and research staffs are consoli-

> dated, the companies have not American Home apparently plans to use debt to finance New York to set up a syndicate of lenders that would provide

up to \$9 billion in credit, according to a filing with the Securities and Exchange Commis-

American Home, based in Madison, New Jersey, had \$8.3 billion in sales in 1993 and \$1.5 billion in profit.

Pressure to cut prices from managed care programs set off a scramble among health care strength in size.

(AP, Bloomberg)

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First Piece of Confederation Life Sold

TORONTO (Reuters) — Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada said Wednesday it had reached an agreement to purchase Confederation Life Insurance Co.'s U.K. subsidiary, Confederation U.K.

Holdings PLC, for an undisclosed amount "As a result of this transaction, Confederation U.K. Holdings PLC will become a wholly owned subsidiary of Sun Life of Canada, and policyholders of Confederation Life's U.K. branch will become policyholders of Sun Life of Canada," the company said.

Sun Life is Canada's second-largest insurer. Confederation Life, the country's fourth-biggest insurer, is being liquidated after its collapse and takeover by the Canadian government last week.

Megafoods Files for Reorganization

MESA, Arizona (Reuters) — Megafoods Stores Inc. said Wednesday it had filed for reorganization under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy code.

Megafoods will continue to pay vendors and employees to maintain operations, but is suspending all pre-petition obligations, including debt service, interest expense and payment on

capital leases, the company said.

The company, which operates a chain of 71 discount grocery stores, said it was in discussions with its larger bondholders and creditors regarding the reorganization. Megafoods said it had hired accounting from Price Waterhouse & Co. to work with its regular auditors, Coopers & Lybrand.

Minnesota Sues Tobacco Companies

ST. PAUL, Minnesota (AP) - The state of Minnesota and its largest private health insurance company filed a lawsuit Wednesday accusing U.S. tobacco companies of conspiracy, fraud and antitrust violations.

The lawsuit seeks to recover the taxpayers' share of billions of dollars that state residents have paid in smoking related health care costs, according to state officials and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota.

The complaint contends that the cigarette companies broke a promise to tell the truth about smoking and health and have united in a conspiracy to cover up their knowledge about the addictive, lethal qualities of cigarettes. In May, Florida passed a law that will allow the state to file suit on behalf of Medicaid patients who smoke.

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Improving Economy Helps TVA Net

KNOXVILLE, Tennessee (Bloomberg) — Tennessee Valley Authority's net income for the third quarter rose 43 percent on an improving economy and above normal July temperatures, the company said Wednesday.

Net income for the quarter rose to \$67 million, from \$47 million

a year ago. Revenue increased to \$1.29 billion, from \$1.25 billion. Nino-month net increased to \$1.29 billion, from \$1.25 billion. Nino-month net increased 5 percent to \$3.9 billion.

TVA, a subsidiary of Cattanoog Valley Corp., manages hydroelectric dams, coal plants and nuclear power plants.

Asbestos Settlement Is Approved

NEW YORK (Bloomberg) — A federal judge Wednesday gave final approval to a \$1.3 billion settlement to resolve about 100,000 injury claims in a class-action lawsuit against 20 makers of asbestos products, the Center for Claims Resolution said.

Federal Judge Lowell Reed Jr. approved the settlement, which covers claims against companies including as Amchem Products Inc., Armstrong World Industries Inc., Prizer Inc., GAF Corp., National Gypsum Co. and Union Carbide Corp. The settlement, reached in negotiations between as

ity plaintiffs' lawyers and the center, based in Princeton, New Jersey, allows workers who can show they were injured by asbestos to win of \$2,500 to \$200,000.

For the Record

Bank of Ireland said its U.S. unit Bank of Ireland First Holdings Inc. had agreed to buy Great Bay Bankshares Inc. of New Hampshire for \$52.6 million.

Compag Computer Corp. has broadened its retailer network by signing a distribution agreement with Sears, Roebuck and Co. Sears will sell Compag's home and small-office personal computers in more than 700 stores.

(Knight-Ridder) profitable products in the much of the purchase. It is companies to consolidate on TTT Corp. said it had raised its stake in Italian company works, leaving an increase in working with Chemical Bank in the presumption that there is Cigahotels SpA to 35 percent from 24.3 percent; an ITT spokesman said the purchases were made in the open market.

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Crédit Suisse Result **Hurts Parent Profit**

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatcher ZURICH - CS Holding cent, to 1.58 billion francs. Balsaid Wednesday that weak results at its Crédit Suisse unit drove its first-half profit down volume of loans," the company 19 percent.

The bank holding company said it carned 712 million Swiss francs (\$546 million) in the first half on revenue of 5.4 billion francs, down from 6.5 billion

ties and interest rate instruments francs. Volatile markets also have made that sector a blot on the balance sheets of most of CS Holding's competitors.

Trading operations contributed 23.5 percent to CS's gross income, down from 34.5 percent in the first half of 1993.

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Commissions were the major source of revenue, making up 38.6 percent of gross income. But commission income fell 6.5 percent, to 2.09 billion francs, led by a sharp drop in commis-sion income at CS's U.S. subsidiary, CS First Boston.

Swiss Bank Stock Skids

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

ZURICH -- Swiss Bank Corp. said Wednesday it had submitted takeover bids for three regional banks, at the same time the company's stock was plunging as analysts scaled back their earnings expectations for the full year.

Swiss Bank said it planned to take over Bank Langenthal, Nene Emme Bank and Credit Agricole & Industriel de la Broye, known as CAIB, Swiss Bank said the acquisitions would allow it to "keep pace with structural change in Switzerland's banking industry."

But investors bailed out of Swiss Bank stock, disappointed with the 39 percent drop in first-half profit the bank reported Tuesday. Swiss Bank shares finished at 378 Swiss francs (\$290), down 19 francs.

(AFX, Bloomberg)

Interest income fell 5.5 per

ance-sheet business was marked by continual stagnation in the

Income from investments in companies rose 160 percent, to 221 million francs. But the banking corporation

predicted stronger results for the second half and full year. Income from trading in currencies, precious metals, securicovery is gaining in strength and the financial markets seem fell 43 percent, to 1.27 billion to be returning to normal, CS Holding is confident that the

full-year figures for 1994 will be good," it said. The half-year results were within expectations, and CS Holding's bearer shares rose to 549 francs Wednesday from

We think they made better estimates about the development of interest rates than other banks," said Chrisoph Bieri, banking analyst at Zuercher Kantonalbank. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

Jyske Bank Posts Loss Westdeutsche Landesbank Girozentrale AG, in Düsseldorf, and Jyske Bank AS, in

Copenhagen, said volatile mar-kets sliced into their profits, Reuters reported. Westdentsche said its operating profit was 290.2 million Deutsche marks (\$186 million)

in the first half, down from 312.3 million DM in the first half of 1993. Trading income fell 83 per-cent, to 33,4 million DM, be-cause of the "unfavorable bond

market" and securities writedowns at the end of June, the bank said. The bank's interest income rose to 1.63 billion DM from 1.55 billion DM, while income from commissions slipped to

263.9 million DM from 266.4 milion DM. Jyske Bank posted a first-half loss of 50 million kroner (\$8 million) because of a decline in the value of its bond portfolio. Otherwise, the bank said, earn-

ings improved. ... Jyske said it stood by its previous forecast for full-year earnings of 200 million kroner to 300 million knoner because of stabilizing interest rates.

In the first half of 1993, the bank had profit of 378 million

The Sweet Smell of Cologne Wella Strategy Tries to Revive 4711 Scent

BolsWessanen Expands in Cereals

AMSTERDAM — Royal Koninklijke Distileerderijen amount it would pay for Socie-Bols Wessanen NV said Bols NV and the food producer dad Anonima de Alimentación.

Wednesday it would pay 200 Wessanen NV early last year, which operates under the trade-

■ Nestlé Expands in Spain

Nestlé SA said Wednesday it

had agreed to buy Banco Bilbao

News reported from Madrid.

FRANKFURT - Sweating in the heat of high-ozone summer, an Austrian tourist, Heinz Walther, selected a bottle of 4711 cau de cologne from the perfume counter of

Prankfurt's largest department store.

"I'll take three bottles," the 56-year-old lawyer told the clerk as he dabbed his fore-

head with the sweet-smelling substance. Mr. Walther — middle-aged, foreign and sentimentally attached to the 200-year-old fragrance — is a typical customer for 4711. the original made-in-Cologne perfumed water that gave birth to the generic product called can de cologne.

Despite its core of loyal customers, sales of 4711 slipped 20 percent over the past decade, analysts said. Mülhens KG, which has made 4711 since a Carthusian monk gave Wilhelm Mülhens the formula as a wedding present in 1792, now relies on perfumes named after the actress Priscilla Presley and the tennis star Gabriela Sabatini for most of its income,

That may be about to change. Mülhens was acquired in July by the international hair-care giant Wella AG, and the companies are mapping a strategy to revive 4711, one of the oldest brand names in the world.

million guilders (\$114 million)

PLC's three breakfast-cereal

plants, which would give it a 10

percent share of the European

The purchase, which is ex-

ected to be completed by Aug.

24, is expected to increase

BolsWessanen's profit as early

as this year, the Dutch food and

beverage company said.
The acquisition includes Tel-

ford Foods, with plants in the English towns of Telford and

Market Harborough, and H&C

Cereals, based in Faverolles,

Dutch analysts said they

were pleased to see that the ac-

quisition would lift BolsWes-

"It's another positive signal to the market that they will add

something to their profit this

year," said Agatho van Hilst, head of research at the Dutch

Shares in BolsWessanen, the

company created from a merger

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body gels and lotion. In five years, Lothar M. Hawel, chief executive of Mühlens, said. he expects sales of 4711-branded products to double to 140 million DM (\$90 million) a

"4711 is the most valuable asset in the Mül-hens company," said Peter Zühlsdorff, Wella's chief executive. "It is also the most challenging and will take the longest to develop."

Mulhens intermittently tried to rejuvenate 4711 itself. Two years ago, it used a television advertising campaign to try to woo younger buyers. But a feud between Mülhens' owners, cousins Dieter Streve-Mülhens and Ferdinand Mülhens, overshadowed the new strategy.

Though the privately held company does not release specific figures, analysts estimate that Mülhens lost around 20 million Deutsche

marks (\$13 million) in 1992 and 1993.

The cousins finally parted for good by selling out to Wella for what analysts estimate was 250 million DM. Wella's interest in the company surprised analysts, some of whom remain skeptical that the takeover is a good move.

But Mr. Hawel said: "Mülhens has one of the best-known brands in the world. Wella has the organization, the distribution and the support systems. Wherever we have been able to Mülhens already has introduced lines of market the product, we have been successful."

Nestlé said the value of these

companies, which have annual

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rose to 41.70 guilders from marks Miko, Avidesa and Cas-41.40. (Bloomberg, AFX) tillo de Marcilla.

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Nedlloyd Shares Drop 9%

ed disappointing second-quarter earnings.

AMSTERDAM - Royal Nedlloyd Groep NV, one of the

world's largest transport companies, plunged 9 percent on the

Dutch stock exchange Wednesday after the company report-

The company said it swung into profit, posting second-quarter earnings of 25 million guilders (\$14 million) after a

net loss of 30 million guilders a year earlier. It cited cost-cutting measures as well as increased volume.

The company said it expected second-half earnings to be at least in line with its first-half result.

of between 25 million and 55 million guilders. The shares fell

6.4 guilders to 64.60, the higgest loser in an otherwise upbeat

Bul analysts said investors had been looking for a net profit

Rose 31% In 1st Half

ABB Net

ZURICH - ABB Asea Brown Boveri Ltd., a Swiss-Swedish heavy engineering company, said Wednesday that first-half profit rose 3t percent to \$322 million as cost-cutting and restructuring measures

took hold. Brown Boveri Corp., ABB's Swiss-based parent company, said its first-half profit rose 12.5 percent, to 207 million Swiss francs (\$158 million). Asea Brown Boveri AB, the Swedish parent company, posted a 27 percent rise in first-balf profit to 2.33 billion kronor (\$298 mil-

Sales were little changed at \$13.1 billion in the first six months, and operating profit rose 19 percent to \$t.12 billion.

"Cost-cutting and restructuring measures initiated in recent years, especially those carried out in 1993, are now having a positive impact on earnings, ABB said.

ABB said orders rose 3 percent to \$15.48 billion, "Demand for industrial products in Europe and North America is gradually improving, but the full impact of the upturn in in-vestment goods will not be felt until next year," ABB said. It said it expected an improvement in full-year earnings but gave no funber details.

"ABB is now the only large cyclical stock in Switzerland which has achieved a genuine turnaround," said Patrick Frei at Union Bank of Switzerland. (Bloomberg, Reuters)

■ BICC Returns to Profit

BICC PLC, the British cables and construction group, returned to growth with a 26 percent increase in first-half pretax profit, to £63 million (\$97 million), Bloomherg Business News reported from London,

The company cited continued cost-culting, a rise in de-mand in North America and Britain and strengthening Britisb exports.

"Continental European cable markets remained difficult in the first half, and margins in the U.K. construction sector continue to be under severe pressure despite signs of volume recovery in parts of that market," said Robin Biggam, the chairman.

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• Bombardier Inc., the Canadian aviation group, holds 3.35 percent of the capital of Eurotunnel, directly and indirectly, the French Exchanges Association announced.

 Finland's unemployment rate rose to 20.1 percent of the work force in July from 19.9 percent in June.

 Russia has agreed to grant Moldova a loan to help it pay debts incurred on gas purchases from Russia in 1993. Russian government sources said that Moscow had agreed to honor Moldova's request for a credit of 150 hillion rubles (\$70.8 million).

Chargeurs SA, a French textile and communications company, said sales in the second quarter totaled 2,68 billion French francs (\$501 million), up 18 percent from a year earlier.

Publicis SA, France's largest advertising company, said sales grew 14 percent in the second quarter, to 5.46 billion francs.

Moscow Broaches Debt Cutback

The Associated Press

MOSCOW - Foreign creditors should forgive at least part of Russia's massive debts in recognition of its continue in to disarmament, a top economic official said Wedneso

"For Bulgaria and Poland, half the debts were written off. Why not do the same for Russia?" said Oleg Davydov, the minister of foreign economic relations.

Mr. Davydov said Russia's creditors should reward its contributton to stability in Europe, which came at significant cost. "Who's counting up Russia's losses just from pulling its troops His comments contrasted with the position Russia so far has

maintained in debt talks, in which it has insisted on rescheduling but not sought forgiveness of deht. Russia's debts are believed to total about \$80 billion.

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SAS Reaches Profit on Cost-Cutting

STOCKHOLM -- Scandinavian Airlines System said Wednesday it returned to prof-

itability in the first half of 1994. with pretax carnings of 617 million Swedish kronor (\$78 million), after a pretax loss of 609 million kronor a year carlier. The company attributed the

sharp reversal to progress in cost-cutting, a 3.46 billion kronor reduction of debt to 30.47 billion kronor, one-time gains from a unit sale and currency fluctuations and a stronger market for business travel. Sales, which includes reve-

mues from the airline, SAS International Hotels, SAS Service Partner and Diners Club Nordic, rose in the six-month period to 19.28 billion kronor from 12.96 billion kronor. Jan Stenberg, chief executive, said the results were better than

expected and he reiterated his forecast of a profit for the year. The company reported a pre-tax loss of 101 million kronor in

Mr. Stenberg declined to

make specific projections about the size of the company's anticipared profits for the full year. citing volatility in currency ex-

change rates. The profit for the first six months included several onetime gains and charges.

The first-half gains included a one-time gain of 374 million kronor from the sale of the compaof 130 million kronor.

million kronor, primarily at-tributable to early retirement packages offered to cut the labor force.

depreciation.

the number of husiness passengers, it said.

ny's SAS Leisure unit and net gains from currency fluctuations The results included a onetime restructuring charge of 274

The six-month figure also in-cluded an additional charge of 311 million kronor because the company changed it method of

When adjusted for foreign exchange fluctuations, revenues from air traffic operations rose largely because of an increase in

is owned by Svensk Interkon-unental Lufttrafik AB in Sweden, Det Norske Luftfartsels-kap AS in Norway, and Det Danske Luftfartselskab AS in Denmark.

The Scandinavian flag carrier

■ Elkem Profit Rises

The Norwegian industrials and metals group Elkem AS re-ported first-half pretax profit of 139 million Norwegian kroner (\$20 million), up from 61 million kroner a year earlier. Knight-Ridder reported from London.

Net sales for the first halfyear totaled 4.41 billion kroner. after 3.78 billion kroner in the 1993 period.

Income from operations totaled 243 million kroner, comprising 109 million kroner in the first quarter and 134 million kroner in the second quarter.

Elkem said demand for most of its main products during the first half of 1994 was "slightly positive," in particular the aluminum market.

Saudis Plan Sale of Large Conglomerate

RIYADH - Saudi Arabia plans to gradually sell off most of its shares in its industrial conglomerate, Saudi Basic Industries Corp., a government minis-ter was quoted Wednesday as saying.

The industry and electricity minister. Abdulaziz Abdullah Zamel, told the Saudi daily Al Equisadiah that the government planned to keep 25 percent and sell the rest to the private sector in Saudi Arabia and other Gulf Arab states.

The process will take place in stages of 10 percent. The government owns

The publicly traded company reported a jump of more than 50 percent in profit for the first half of 1994, to 1.35 billion rivals (\$360 million).

CHINA: Shanghai Entrepreneurs Travel to Outer Limits of Beijing's Reach

Continued from Page 9 next stage of expansion and

much more after that," said Jin Fan Nan, an executive with Shanghai Tire & Rubber, China's dominant radial tiremaker. The money has to come from As China comes closer to

joining the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, manufacturers such as Shanghai Tire will lose protection from imports and foreign manufactur-ers establishing beachheads in their territory.

Shanghai Tire has responded by establishing a research center in Akron to improve its quality and reduce manufacturing costs, while embarking on an expansion plan that will see

products. Shanghai Tire's overall production will hit 7 million tires next year, but that output remains small in international Frustrated in its bid to raise

money by turning a 9.5 percent stake in the company directly owned by the state into A shares owned by Chinese individuals, Sbanghai Tire also wants to issue a bond convertible into its B shares. It still awaits approval from Beijing, which has approached the concept cautiously.

"If we are going to remain

vertible bond proposals. "We utonal in scope want to work with foreign tire companies as partners on future projects, not be taken over by

Across town, a cash-heavy Shanghai Phoenix Bicycle, which produced 5 million last year, is building a plant in Ghana, developing motorized bikes and starting to produce scooters designed by Suzuki with help from Taiwan.

ucts and other areas of China. profitable industries.

it enlarge radial-tire capacity fivefold by 1997.

Akron is the home of Goodyear Tire & Ruhber Co., the world's largest maker of ruhber state share conversion and competitive in the future, we will need greater flexibility from the authorities," pand beyond their geographic said Mr. Jin in speaking of the state share conversion and competitive in the future, we will need greater flexibility from the authorities, pand beyond their geographic state share conversion and competitive in the future, we will need greater flexibility from the authorities, and beyond their geographic state share conversion and competitive in the future, we will need greater flexibility from the authorities, and beyond their geographic state share conversion and competitive in the future, we will need greater flexibility from the authorities, and beyond their geographic state share conversion and competitive in the future, we will need greater flexibility from the authorities, and beyond their geographic state share conversion and competitive in the future, we will need greater flexibility from the authorities, and the future flexibility from the authorities.

Local protectionism once would bave stymied Shanghai Phoenix's plan to buy more fac-tories around China, but now, according to Zhou Jingen. chairman and general manager. "capable companies are being encouraged to take over the ail-

Local governments that tend to worry about maintaining political influence, emptoyment It, 100, is testing old harriers and tax revenue are loathe to hy expanding into new prod-surrender control of even un-

TYCOON: Gordon Wu Moves From Real Estate to Asian Infrastructure

district where the round, dirtywhite Hopewell Office tower

architect. His (ather started as a taxi driver and assembled a fleet of in the 1970s as property prices 378 taxis before he named to building one of Hong Kong's larger property and construc-

began their steep upward spiral. When China cracked open the door to outside investment After a rigorous education in 1979, Mr. Wu was one of the

ty. He returned to Hong Kong In December, Hopewell projects. to earn his certification as an Holdings, which showed a prof-Like many other Hong Kong developers, Mr. Wu flourished

a subsidiary, consolidated Elec-tric Power Asia, as a publicly listed company to manage power projects, while retaining a

44.5 percent stake. Mr. Wu has no competitors

neering at Princeton Universi- career in Asian infrastructure. the range of his infrastructure

Although hig U.S. power deit of \$267 million last year, up velopment companies active in 25 percent from 1992, spun off Asia, such as Mission Energy velopment companies active in Co., AES Corp. and Enron Corp., compete for power projects, no one else has tried to muscle into highway huilding in China_

Mr. Wu's power projects. provided by Irisb Jesuits, the first over the threshold moving among Hong Kong's major while long in gestation, are now younger Mr. Wu studied engi- from property developer to a hongs, or conglomerates, across seen as prescient.

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China Plans Liquidation Of Failing **Companies**

BEIJING — The government said Wednesday it would declare several state-run companies in 18 cities bankrupt in the second half of the year, despite high inflation and rising

unemployment Statistics released Wednesday showed retail prices rose 21.4 percent in the year to July, up from 20 percent through June, and the government said Tuesday there might be as many as 268 million Chinese unemployed by 2000.

Nonetheless, the government said failing state-run companies would be declared bankrupt.

Starting in the second half of this year, we will enlarge the implementation of the bankruptcy law," the government said in the official Economic Information Daily. "Those firms whose debts are larger than their assets, who have no bope of getting ont of the red and whose goods have no future must be declared bankrupt."

The bankruptcy law was passed in 1986 but has rarely been implemented for state companies because of opposition from workers, banks and local governments.

The government has set aside 7.0 billion yuan (\$814 million) in a special bankruptcy fund to help cover losses of banks

Economists said they doubted the government could carry ont the program because of the high inflation and the millions of people who are already without work or trying to live on

subsistence wages.
The Labor Ministry said China must create 68 million urban jobs between now and the end of this century, and it said it faced an additional labor surplus of 10 million workers at state companies and nearly 200 million farm workers. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Sony: Power in Weakness Amid Dull Earnings, an Exciting Outlook

for the year ending March 31, 1995, to be 94

yen a abare, compared with 80.4 yen a share in the previous year. Those earnings totaled 36.26 billion yen on sales of 4 trillion yen.

Mr. Dargan said that all Sony had to do was return to historical levels of profit, a

likely trend, and it would be earning substan-

tially more money. Fiscal 1994 profit margins

for music and movies were only 3.1 percent, be said, less than half the 1993 level of 7.2

Sony's hardware - camcorders and the

like, as opposed to movies and music - might

languish for years at their 1994 profit margin of 2.9 percent (up from 2.5 percent in 1993) and Sony could still profit, Mr. Dargan said. But even in hardware, Sony is likely to come

out a winner, said Eriko Yatabe, a credit analyst at Moody's Investors Service Inc. in

A major industry consolidation is likely,

Ms. Yatabe said, and Sony is sure to be a survivor. Sony can spend trillions of yen on

research and development to create products

By mid-1995, according to Jeffrey L. Pitts-burg of Goldis-Pittsburg Institutional Ser-vices in Garden City, New York, Sony stock

in the United States could reach the low 70s

from its current range below \$60.
"Sony's not cheap," Mr. Pittsburg said,
"but it's quite a reasonable stock that ought to

be bought on weakness, and it's weak now."

Wharf, which has real-estate,

hotel, port, transport and cable-

television interests, is controlled by the Pao family through

Wheelock & Co. Wheelock owns

Despite the half-year increase,

some analysts said they expected

losses at Wharf's cable-television

division to hold back profit

Samuel Lau, director of Sea-

power Research. "But expected strong rental income will likely

keep growth at reasonable lev-

els only, as prospects of its ca-

hle unit aren't that promising.

There's not much chance of

next couple of years."

sharp jumps in earnings in the

(Bloomberg, Reuters)

"The results are largely in

growth for the next few years.

line with our forecast,"

about 44 percent of Wharf.

that will make it more competitive.

New York.

Rental Income Drives Wharf Profit

from 19 cents, and sharebolders

responded by sending the com-pany's shares up to 32.10 dol-

Wharf said its 2 million-

square-foot (186,000-square-

meter) Times Square complex

in Hong Kong's Causeway Bay

mmercial district had been

Gonzaga Li, chairman and

chief executive of Wharf, said

the company was set to repeat

the success of Times Square

with the redevelopment of its

Harbor City complex in Hong Kong's Tsim Sha Tsui district.

ment, which has been renamed

the Gateway, was particularly

attractive to companies seeking

an alternative to the increasing

office rents in the central dis-

Mr. Li said that develop-

lars from 31.00.

"hugely successful."

By Anthony Ramirez New York Times Service

NEW YORK -The news will not be good for Sony Corp. when it reports first-quarter earnings Thursday. Analysts expect something close to the 33 percent drop in fourthquarter earnings it reported in May.

The yen remains near postwar highs. More-

over, Japan and Europe are only slowly emerging from recession, and that means fewer sales of Walkmen, compact disks and tickcts to movies from Sony's Columbia Studios. So why does Sony's stock price continue to perform at levels not far below its high of 6,400 yen (\$63.87) reached in June? Sony

gained 30 yen in Tokyo on Wednesday to close at 5,980 yen, more than 1,000 yen above levels of late last year. One major reason is the legacy of "Last

Action Hero," Columbia Studios' costly flop of 1993 that starred Arnold Schwarzenegger. The absence of such a box-office disaster in 1994 is bound to improve Sony's prospects, Sony did not disclose the size of its write-off on "Last Action Hero," but Takatoshi

Yamamoto, an analyst for Morgan Stanley & Co. in Tokyo, has estimated the operating loss for Columbia and other studios in Sony's movie group as high as 20 billion yen.

But beyond that, "we believe the long-term outlook for the company is very good, al-

though the short-term outlook is likely to be dismal," said Barry Dargan, a technology analyst for S.G. Warburg Securities in Tokyo. who recommends the stock.

A survey by Zacks Investment Research

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

HONG KONG - Revenue

from leases at a major new of-

fice and sbopping complex helped send net profit at Wharf

(Holdings) Ltd. np 26 percent in the first half of 1994, the

The conglomerate earned

1.74 billion Hong Kong dollars

(\$225 million) in the six

months, up from 1.38 billion dollars in the 1993 first half, as

revenue soared to 4.0 billion

dollars from 2.5 billion dollars.

half dividend to 22 cents a share

Wharf also raised its first-

company said Wednesday.

Interest Rates Up SYDNEY - The Reserve Inc. of analysts who follow Sony found their Bank of Australia Taised intermedian forecast for Thursday's results was 15 yen a share, down from 37 yen a share a year earlier. But analysts expect Sony's earnings

industrialized world's fastestgrowing economies.

Although the rise in its benchmark rate to 5.5 percent from 4.75 percent came just a day after a balf-point increase in U.S. interest rates. Australian officials sought to distance themselves from the fifth rise in U.S. rates this year.

"Although the timing of the move has been influenced by the latest rise in U.S. interest by the marked turnaround in Australia's domestic economic conditions," the bank said.

"The decision to increase bad been determined primarily. overwhelmingly, by the needs of our domestic economy, not by the increase in the U.S.." said Ralph Willis, the country's treasurer.

Although a rise had been widely expected, many traders bad said the central bank would probably wait until its Sept. 6

board meeting. Bond prices surged, with 10year bond futures closing at nearly a three-month high, as investors focused on the prospect of continued low inflation. The stock exchange's All Ordinaries Index rose 19.5 points to end at 2.059.5, led by bluechip stocks.

"At long last, the hig black cloud of uncertainty over a hike in interest rates bas disappeared over the borizon," said Simon Bond, a broker with ANZ McCaughan. The Australian dollar ended slightly weaker at 74.26 cents after an initial rally.

"It will help re-establish in the market's mind the Reserve Bank's anti-inflation credibility," said Jobn Larum, chief economist at SBC Australia.

Prime Minister Paul Keating said the rise would not take the steam out of the economic recovery and would show global investors that inflation was under control.

I think it will encourage the

Australia Pushes investing community to believe inflation is truly in check in

Australia, that we'll maintain est rates for the first time in five our competitiveness and if anything I think it will just encouryears on Wednesday, a move thing I think it will just encour-described as a preemptive strike age people to believe the recovagainst inflation in one of the ery will be longer." he said. Australia bas benefited from

a delicate mix of low inflation and robust economic growth for more than a year, and government and central hank officials have stressed the need to keep conditions that way as the world economy strengthens. The lightening in credit.

which is expected to show up in higher mortgage rates within three months, followed a string of strong economic reports inrates, the move itself is driven cluding a sharp rise in July job growth and a slide in the unemployment rate to a three yearlow of 9.5 percent. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

Goodman **Dissidents** Want Talks

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatch SYDNEY - Dissident sharebolders of Goodman Fielder Ltd. said Wednesday they had requested a special meeting to try to change Goodman's board.

The shareholders include Australian Mutual Provident Society, the New South Wales State Authorities Superannuation Board, Bankers Trust Australia and Agrifood Australia. On Tuesday, the bolder

rejected a plan by Good-man directors to resbape its board. The shareholders want

the meeting to consider removing seven directors, including John Studdy, the company's chairman. Goodman's shares closed at 1.39 Australian

dollars (\$1.03), up 0.05. (Reuters, Bloomberg)

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Investor's Asia

 Qingling Motors shares shot up nearly 33 percent in Hong Kong on their first day of trading, finishing at 2.75 Hong Kong dollars (36 cents); analysts cited a low offering price of nine times anticipated 1994 per-share earnings.

• TI-Acer Inc. said it obtained financing for a \$400 million plant expansion and planned to start test production of a line of advanced computer chips hy next July.

• Jardine Fleming Securities said it expected higher interest rates in the United States to encourage higher stock prices in Thailand. Malaysia and Singapore.

 South Korean publicly traded companies earned 76 percent more money in the first half of this year than in the 1993 first half. their biggest gain since 1987.

• Hunter Douglas NV, a Dutch window-covering company, plans to open a second plant in Shenzhen, China.

 China National Offshore Oil Corp. has signed a contract with two U.S. companies, Kerr-McGee Corp. and Murphy Oil Corp., to prospect and develop oil in Bohai Bay.

 Japan Telecom Ltd. has set a minimum tender price of 2,410,000 yen (\$24,000] a share for its initial public offering of shares, to be held this month.

 Marubeni Corp., Sumitomo Corp. and Mitsubishi Corp. said they won separate orders to supply Indonesia's power authority, PL PLN, with thermal power plants.

· Genting Bhd. and Resorts World Bhd., which operate the only casino in Malaysia, said their earnings rose in the first half, with Genting profit rising 19 percent to 564.2 million ringgit (\$220) million) and Resorts profit rising 17 percent to 406.4 million Bloomberg, Knight Ridder, 4FX, 4P

Brownouts Return to Manila Area As Philippine Power Reserves Fall

MANILA — Philippine power reserves have dropped to uncomfortably low levels, leaving Manila vulnerable again to power cuts similar to those that gripped the nation last year.

officials said Wednesday.

Slim reserves combined with the loss of a major transmission line in Luzon island have triggered 30-minute brownouts around Manila since Monday, officials of National

Power Corp. said. "The situation is vulnerable." Energy Secretary Dellin

Power reserves in Luzon have fallen since the Malaya plant near Manila was shut down for cleaning after one of its tanks Lazaro said. spilled 7,000 barrels of fuel oil into Laguna lake last mouth.

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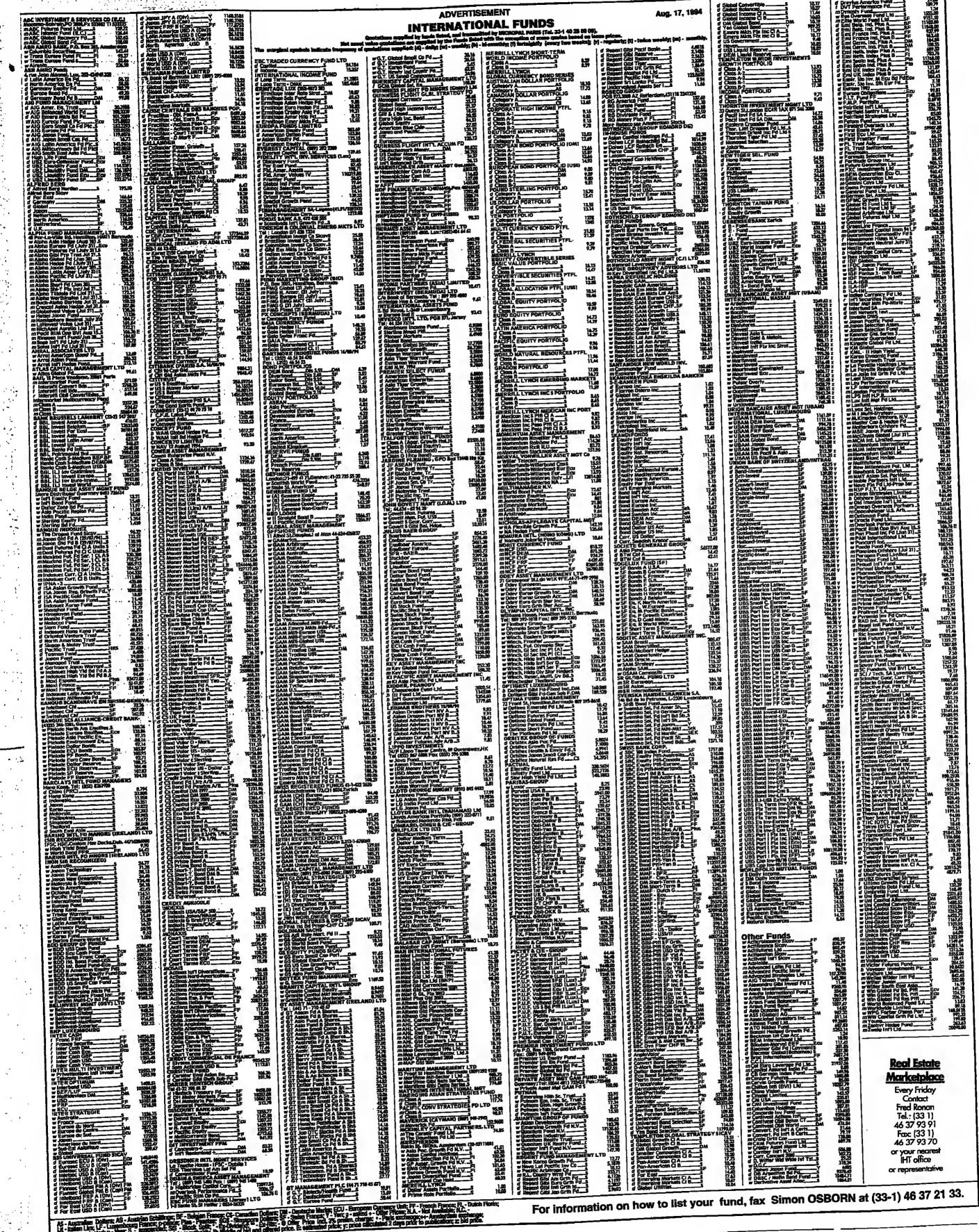
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SPORTS

Baseball Owners Rule Out Idea Of Replacements

NEW YORK -- As the Major League Baseball strike headed into its sixth day, baseball owners ruled out using replace-

ments for striking players. "lt's not something anybody bas considered seriously at all. It's not about to happen," the owners' negotiator, Richard Ravitch, said in an interview. "Both the players and the owners found that in football the public wasn't terribly interest-

Replacement players were used by National Football League owners during the pro foothall strike of 1987. Teams used replacements for three weeks and broke the union's resolve as many prominent players returned.

But baseball teams play six times a week instead of once, making it more expensive to open stadiums if crowds and television ratings are small.

Ravitch said the situations of the NFL and major league baseball weren't comparable.

Bud Selig, the executive council chairman, speaking by telephone from his office in Milwaukee, agreed with Ra-vitcb's view that replacement players wouldn't be a solution for basehall owners.

Going into the sixth day of the strike Wednesday, a total of 74 games have been canceled

If there's no settlement by Friday, - and a quick deal doesn't appear likely — the strike would become baseball's second-longest in terms of canceled games. The 1981 strike erased 712 games.

Players and owners are prepared not to come back this season. The Toronto Blue Jays beld their end-of-season organizational meetings Tuesday.

"In some ways, I guess it did feel like the end of the season, but we were just taking advan-tage of available time," said the team's assistant general manager, Gord Ash, "We all want to see a completion to the season. but those of us who went through this in '81 are aware there are different phases. This is, one of the hardest."

No new talks are scheduled, but Ravitch said the federal mediators probably would call a meeting for later in the week. The head of the players' union, Donald Fehr, spent the day in Washington, lobbying congressmen on the latest attempt to pass a bill removing baseball's antitrust exemption. (AP, Reuters)

■ Fans Seek Court Action

A group of fans, saying the Atlanta Braves sold them season tickets under false pre-tenses, have filed a lawsuit to recover the cost of the tickets, along with \$5 million in punitive damages, The Associated Press reported from Atlanta.

"They're holding the fans hostage," said Bert Erling, an Atlanta businessman who is one of the plaintiffs in the suit filed against the Braves, Major League Baseball and the striking players' association.

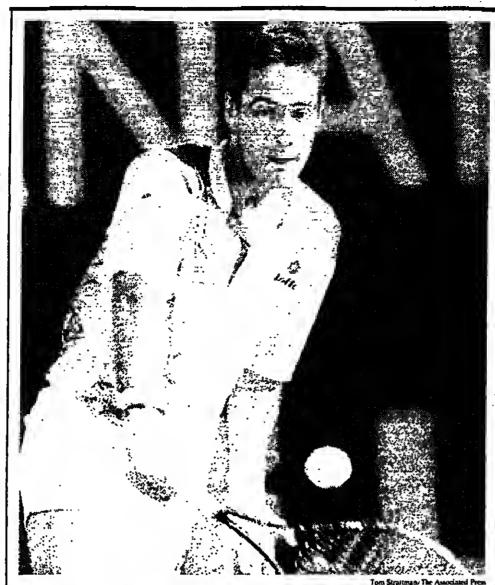
The plaintiffs want to recover the cost of the tickets for the entire season, including games already played.

Erling said the Braves had not yet been served with the lawsuit. The Braves have offered refunds to season ticket holders for canceled games.

The lawsuit says that because the team knew the season was likely to be disrupted, selling tickets with the promise of a full season constituted racketeering. ln Jacksonville, Florida, a

lawsuit filed on behalf of fans and sports bar owners in an attempt to stop the baseball strike has been dropped, the at-torney for the group, Mark Rubin, said. It was decided to drop the suit after the players' association threatened to seek legal fees and costs if the plaintiffs lost, Rubin said.

PEANUTS



Alex Corretja, on the way to defeating Jim Courier, who made 42 unforced errors.

2 Coups for Tennis No-Names

Compiled by Our Staff From Dispatches

The final arrived early for Jim Courier, who lost to Alex Corretja of Spain in the second round of the RCA Championships in Indianapolis, Courier, 10th-ranked and seeded fifth at the tournament be won last year, said he might even skip the U.S. Open after falling, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, to 20-year-old Corretja, ranked 43rd.

After the match, Courier said be is taking a break from tennis until be is properly motivated to return to the sport.

Meanwhile, in New Haven, Connecticut, Andre Agassi was upset — by rock music being played during changeovers and by Jan Siemerink of the Netherlands, 6-3 3-6 6-3 -

in the second round of the Volvo International Tennis Tournament. Agassi blasted "circus conditions" of an ATP experiment that allows the playing of music between games and be asked that it be stopped.

But the music played on.

"That was an embarrassment to tennis out there tonight," an infuriated Agassi said later. 'It was a joke and it scars the game. What are they doing turning tennis into some kind of circus? If it comes to this, playing music between games, then it's all over for tennis. Siemerink, ranked 113th, is coming off a

two-month layoff because of a knee injury but be dominated the match with his strong (AP, NYT)

How About Arbitration For Earlier Free Agency?

By Murray Chass :

As a blockbuster, it could rival the trade of Harvey Kuenn for Rocky Colavito or Fred McGriff and Tony Fernandez for Joe Carter and Roberto Alomar.

How about a trade more in keeping with these times: salary arbitration for earlier free agency. It might not be as sexy as those other swaps, but if the disputatious owners and players want to extricate themselves from the quagmire of their stalled talks for a new collective bargaining agreement, the elimination of the arbitration process the owners hate so intensely and a change in the free-agent eligibility rules could be a place to start.

Negotiators for the two sides didn't talk to each other Tuesday, extending to four days their nontalk streak. It's the only streak going, and it's only one day less than the strike itself.

The fifth day of the strike, which forced the cancellation of 14 more games for a total of 60 lost, also passed without a conference call among the owners. One owner, speaking on the condi-tion of anonymity, said he didn't understand how the leadership could let two days clapse without any communication.

The owner said that while there was sentiment among some owners to get things moving and attempt to find a solution to the stalemate, the low-revenue clubs remained firm in their insistence that management stick to its salary cap

Richard Ravitch, the owners' chief labor execntive, has made it clear the proposal is staying right there. Basically, when he is asked about the arbitration-free agency exchange that some peo-ple in baseball have talked about privately, be says, "Salary cap."
When Donald Fehr, the players' labor leader,

was asked the other day about it, he was more positive.
"If that proposal ever were made, obviously the players would have to look hard at it," he

"That has been an obvious proposal clubs could have made any time since 1976. They have

never made that proposal. The reason why is they understand their complaints about salary arbitration are nonsense. The salaries of players in arbitration are no higher than salaries of free Fehr noted that the committee that studied baseball's economics in great depth two years ago recommended that eligibility for free agency be reduced from six years of major league service

to three years. Such a change would eliminate mendatory arbitration, but the committee recommended that the procedure be retained for use by clubs and players who agree to it. . Clubs long have hated arbitration because of the uncertainty of arbitrators' decisions. They

would love to get rid of it, but the players

wouldn't relinquish it without getting something significant in return. It would not be enough for the owners to agree to withdraw the salary cap proposal in exchange for the elimination of arbitration.

But it might not be enough either to offer to reduce eligibility for free agency to three years.

One person who represents players, speaking on the condition he not be identified, said he viewed arbitration as a problem and suggested it

should be eliminated or altered significantly to make it more predictable and dilute the escalation in salaries it has produced.

But Richard Moss, one of the first people who represented players, said he opposed the swap of

arbitration for earlier free agency. "Salary arbitration is what keeps the system honest," he said Tuesday, speaking by telephone from his home in California. "It has the effect of preserving the salary structure."

Moss further said the owners could manipulate free agency, citing the experience of many free agents last winter.

They came down really hard on free agents who were something less than superstars," he

"Almost everybody who was a veteran signed for a deep salary cut. At the time, everybody said it's a shame what they're doing to these veterans, but there's nothing we can do about it. I would predict that without the safety valve of salary arbitration, they would do the same thing with younger players except for the top stars. It's dancing on the edge of collusion, but on the safe

Moss said that if there were a trade, "you would need much stricter safeguards against colhision." But he quickly added: "Even then I would be against it. It would be a move in the direction of the Charlie Finley proposal from

When the players gained free agency and the union was negotiating its conditions, Finley, then the owner of the Oakland Athletics, said the owners should let every player be a free agent

His fellow owners thought he was crazy and ignored him. Only Marvin Miller, then the head of the union, and Moss, his general counsel, understood the implications of the idea.

If every player were a free agent, the law of supply and demand would work against the players and their bargaining leverage would be drastically undermined. Miller recalled Tuesday that the owners made o great effort to get rid of arbitration, which the

players won in 1973, during the 1976 negotia-tions. It came up, he said, only in the context of the discussion about eligibility for free agency. In 1980, he said, the owners wanted to kill the procedure and implement a salary scale. They didn't come off that position, he added, until the

two sides reached the players' strike deadline.

SIDELINES

Evans Wins 40th U.S. Swim Title

INDIANAPOLIS (Reuters) - Janet Evans has won her 40th U.S. national title at the U.S. swimming championships here. Evans, 22, led from the start to win the 400-meter freestyle in 4:08.78. The world-record holder in the event for the past six years, Evans tied the 200-meter butterfly world-record holder, Melvin Stewart, for most national titles with 40. It was also her 11th national title in the 400 freestyle.

Mathis Appeals N.J. Fight Decision
TRENTON, New Jersey (AP) — Lawyers for Buster Mathis Jr.
have appealed to the New Jersey athletic commissioner, Larry
Hazzard Sr., to reverse his "no contest" ruling in Mathis's heavy-

weight fight against Riddick Bowe.
With Mathis on one knee in last Saturday's bout in Atlantic City, Bowe hit him with a right that knocked Mathis over, the referee, Arthur Mercante, immediately stopped the fight and

called the blow an intentional foul. Mathis's attorneys wrote that under the rules, either Mathis should have been ruled the winner or the bout called a draw.

For the Record

The coach and the trainer of the Croatian basketball team at the recently concluded World Basketball Championships have been charged with sexual assault, Toronto police said. Giuseppe Giergia, 57, and Mirko Krolo, 38, were arrested at a Toronto hotel and granted bail of 7,500 Canadian dollars each. (AP)

Representatives for the National Hockey League Players' Association and owners, who have been without a collective bargaining agreement since last September, will hold a negotiating session on Thursday. The two sides bave not talked since March 16. (Reuters)

John Krimsky Jr., has been named executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee. Krimsky, the chief fund-raiser for the USOC since 1986, will take over Oct. 1 from Harvey Schiller, who is leaving to become president of Turner Sports in Atlanta. (AP)

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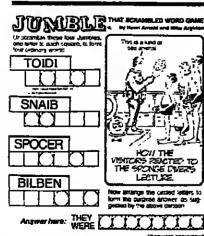
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Christie Wins a Wet 100 Meters

By Ian Thomsen onal Herold Tribune

ZURICH - As for those best-laid plans . .

Properly billed as the closest thing to a world championship in track and field this year, the Weltklasse Grand Prix built a new, fast track and laid out \$4 million in hopes of demolishing as many as six world records. Then it had the whole thing overtaken by a thunderstorm and a coin toss.

For a time only Lerny Burrell, the world's fastest man, had any control of the situation, and that was when he instructed his agent to call heads.

The evening's favorite event. the men's 100 meters, was won in the rain-soaked, disappointing time of 10.05 seconds by Linford Christie, the British Olympic and world champion, who at 34 -- and without breaking 10 seconds this year - has resumed superiority over his American challengers.

Jon Drummond was distantly second in 10.15 seconds, with third in 10.22. Burrell finished eryone but Carl Lewis, who

beyond the help of luck at 10.39 for seventh place. Dennis tion. expected to cash in on recent good form, was fourth in 10.23.

At the end of his victory lap Christie stood in the hard rain, glared up at the stacks of reporters squeezed beneath the stadium roof, tapped at his sculpted chest and mouthed: "I'm No. 1."

At least the evening decided that much. Christie hadn't been so sure it would just 80 minutes earlier, before the first rain. Turning around at the end of his stride, he shook his head in disgust at the sight of his opening-heat time: 10.13 seconds. It had no He didn't know it would be the on Christie. best of the opening round.

Burrell, who just six weeks ago About one-tenth of the massive budget had been spent to amalpamate Burrell and 22 other of Olapade Adeniken of Nigeria the world's fastest men - ev-

pulled out with a stomach infec-

Having experienced a terrible opening 50 meters of his second heat, Burrell burst even with his fellow American, Andre Cason. whose time of 10.30 seconds initially earned him the eighth and last spot io the final. But Burrell protested that decision, as he and Cason officially had shared third place in the heat with identical times.

The last second was split unsuccessfully to the thousandth hair; the smartest computers couldn't pry them apart. Their agents met somewhere under training in Moscow." cover of the rain. It was heads. It had no effect, ultimately.

"The national coach of Brit-Much more speed had been ain came to me after the heat in Des Moines. expected with the presence of and said it was the best race he had ever seen in such condiwas setting the world record of tions," he said. "They say I'm 9.85 seconds in Lausanne. old. Yes I'm old hut not cold."

The storm fell hard soon after those 100-meter heats, stopping only for the occasional deep breath. The wind succeeded in knocking down the highjump har before the highjumpers could (knocking out favorite Javier Sotomayor of Cuba completely, while Steve Smith of Britain won in 2.28 meters), and the rain made Nikes and Reeboks feel like army

The pole vault simply came to a halt at 5.70 meters, with Sergei Bubka of Ukraine and Maksim Tarasov and Rodion Gataulin of Russia sharing the championship, All the evening lacked was an accident involving a javelin.

Great races were run nonetheless, in spite of the times. The evening's final shot at world record came and went in

the men's 5,000 meters, as Paul Donovan of Ireland pushed a world-record pace through 2,000 meters before giving way. Then the race fell to tactics as the vastly talented Noureddine Morceli of Algeria took the lead over a distance to which he is not accustomed.

Khalid Skah of Morocco stayed with him for four laps, hut when the bell sounded Morceli took off to win in 13:03.85. slashing 22 seconds off his Alannouncing that he might world record of 12.91.

the 5,000 to those he owns in the 1,500 meters, the mile and the 3,000 meters.

Skah was left far behind and was overtaken by Fita Bayissa for the silver medal at the end. The American Bob Kennedy finished sixth.

In another terrific race, Irina Privalova of Russia, the recent European double champion. lunged in 22.15 seconds to beat her favored American rival. Gwen Torrence, by .01

"I had run in such conditions before," said Privalova, "while

In winter? "The rain was not my worst

experience," said Torrence.
"This year I competed in snow In winter.

"I've never competed with rain falling before," said American Jackie Joyner-Kersee, third at 6.95 meters behind Heike Drechsler of Germany (7.01) and winner linessa Kravets (7.09) in a long jump, which was shortened by one round. "I hope I'll never meet such conditions again until the end of my career.

Sonia O'Sullivan of Ireland, where has definitely had bad experiences with the weather. had ohviously lost her bid for the world record in the mile before the race started and then lost out to Hassiba Boulmerka of Algeria, who won in 4:22.09.

"This year was very hard for me because of the pressure from Algeria, because of the unstable situation in the country," said Boulmerka, the 1992 Olympic champion at 1,500 meters. She has been training in Germany and the United States as well as Algeria this year.

As expected, the American Michael Johnson won the 200 meters in 20.33 seconds, with Daniel Effiong of Nigeria sec-ond in 20.46. "In normal conditions, it would for sure have been under 20 seconds," Johnson said. "But what can you do running into such a head wind?

The rain had mercifully stopped in time for Colin Jackson of Britain to win the high hurdles in 13.19 seconds. gerian record set in 1990 and though again well off his own

The Pitfalls Awaiting Brazil's Latest Soccer Wonder

When PSV Eindhoven paid \$6 million for Ronaldo Luiz Nazario de Lima, it put a high price on the promise of youth. Ronaldo is 17

Seventeen! He is a class kid, no doubt about that, Eindhoven

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back streets of Brazil. Think of the vagaries of youth, the growth spurts that can unbalance a young man's command of his talent. Ponder the heart and mind and emotions - and how easily they can be turned.

Time will tell if Ronaldo loses the carefree youth, the instinct that seems to simplify the game of man, ball, and net. Simplicity is not guaranteed to mature with

age. Like so much in life, repetition is the source and the goal of attainment - yet boredom with repetition drives men to drink.

Ronaldo knows the story of Garrincha, Brazil's "Little Bird" who rose to national acclaim but fell. lonely and broken, to a premature death from

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Findhoven's purchase of Ronaldo takes precocity one step nearer the cradle. Physically, he is a Man Child. The face of a boy on the body, especially the muscular thighs, of a man amonest men.

Ronaldo's purchase is backed by Philips, the Dutch electrical giant that owns PSV Eindhoven, The company last year sold Romário, the player of this summer's World Cup; now it reinvests in another Brazilian expected to grow into the next Romário, indeed the next Pelé.

Ronaldo is lucky, but he has known rejection. When he was 13. Flamengo, the Rio de Janeiro club which prides itself on a factory system through which 3,000 juniors are assessed annually, turned him away, Reportedly, the problem was that Ronaldo's family could not afford the bus fares and Flamengo made no offer.

So the boy from the wastelands of Rio's rough Bento Ribeiro district, was taken to São Cristovão. The coach there was Jairzinho, the right wing in Brazil's 1970 World Cup side.

Cristovão soon cashed in its investment, selling him to Cruzeiro in Belo Horizonte. There, he scored 55 goals in 57 first team matches. Right foot, left foot, head and body, he could score any way the ball came to him. He could run, pass, alcoholic poisoning. Perhaps. Ronaldo will hear of dribble and outwit men.

The beat of a World Cup, a beat that excites all Ronaldo came to a World Cup was a full part in Brazilians, grew through this prolific season. training a full part in the revelry, and a yellow Zico, Tostão, finally even Pelé, called for Ronal-balloon with which he kept slapping the men do's induction into the national team. Even the who had actually won the trooby. mother of Carlos Alberto Parreira, the national

coach, said it was time. Last May, with Romario and Bebeto away in Spain, Ronaldo played, and inevitably scored for Brazil against Iceland. "He is a phenomenon," declared Tostão, the doctor who ran alongside Pelè at the 1970 World Cup. "He's a complete attacker - good physique, intelligence, ruthless, everything it takes."

HREE months later, Ronaldo had a World Cup gold medal and a ricket to Eindhoven. Parreira had coached Brazil to the ultimate victory, and yet still was vilified for not putting "the any closer than the substitute's bench.

Maybe Parreira was as wise and as paternal as his pal Luis Cesar Menotti had been in resisting the clamor in 1978 to pitch the then teenage Diego Maradona into a World Cup, Surely the coach had proven his point with the prolific scoring partnership of Romário and Bebeto?

You might think so. Thousands of Brazilians nevertheless castigated Parreira. They included Pelé, who played in the 1958 World Cup, as a 17-

The argument is irrelevant now. The closest

Hold onto that image. Boyhood is fleeting. and so is the certainty of progress.

Remember Nii Lamptey Ordatey? He was the prodigy smuggled out of Ghana hy RSC Anderlecht when he reached 14. Though Belgian law forbade Anderlecht to blood him until he was 16, and though the Ghanaian soccer federation had

impounded his passport to prevent poaching, the Royal Sporting Club of Anderlecht still procured him on false papers. Lamptey, you see, was the new Pelé, the new Maradona. Anderlecht in time paid the Ghanaians \$50,000 as a gesture. Bernard Tapie broadcast that there was a

ment, for whom his club Olympique Marseille had agreed to a \$15 million fee. Alas, Tapie's boast fell as flat as his credit rating.

But Lamptey is moving on. Subject to British

young player, two years away from full develop-

Foreign Office red tape, he joins Aston Villa in England for one-tenth of the figure Tapie had in Lamptey may yet rise above being labled the most gifted child of his generation. But the next

Pelé? That, for now, is Ronaldo. Reb Higher is on the staff of The Times.

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'Ollie Needs His Gun'

MARTHA'S VINEYARD, persuasion can't be trusted to carry a concealed weapon, who are constantly asking me if I ever get emotionally involved with those I write about. The answer is I wouldn't be human if I didn't.

Take the recent outrage that was committed against Ollie North, the Republican Senate

nominee in Virginia. A county circuit judge refused renew North's request to carry a concealed weapon because he was not of "good character.

The judge ruled that he could not ignore North's convictions in Irangate, even though they were overturned. According to the judge, the crimes still showed that North was guilty of moral tur-pitude and lacking good char-

When I read this story, I almost wanted to cry. If a Senate candidate of Ollie's political

Bolivar Portrait Draws Apologies From Chile

SANTIAGO -- Chile apolo-Latin American governments for a portrait of Simon Bolivar is not of good character is laughable. Just look at the peo-Chilean government that shows the independence hero as a half-naked transvestite. Postcards of the painting were wide-

ly circulated. The picture hy Juan Davila, titled "The Liberator Simon Bolivar 1994," depicts the hero in more than following the ing more than following the with a woman's breasts, lace president's orders. You don't stockings and making an ob-withhold a man's gun permit scene gesture while astride a just because he can't remember multicolored horse. It sparked protests from three of Chile's neighbors, Venezuela, Colombia and Ecuador. Venezuela's envoy calling the painting "an affront to the national dignity of the people of Venezuela,"

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in this country can? This is not just a frivolous whim. If Offic wins the election and goes to the Senate, you can't expect him to serve there unarmed. Half the senators in this country believe Americans should have a pistol under their belts if they are going to make the laws of the land, and more than half have moral turpitude problems of their own.

When I first read the news I faxed this to Judge James L. Berry of Clark County: "If Ollie North is not permitted to carry a concealed weapon, then I refuse to carry one as well.

"North is as qualified to con-ceal a .45 in his pants as G. Gordon Liddy. Although Ollie may have been involved in arms deals with the Iranians, this does not mean he can't shoot

straight.
"Ollie is being supported hy
the Christian right, and this
should be proof that he does not practice moral turpitude. All he wants to do is be armed in case his rival Senator Robb charges that be is a liar.

"As a strong advocate of people carrying concealed weap-ons, particularly when they are hunting or fishing. I will be per-sonally responsible for North's gun behavior. I assure you that he will not do snything in Vihe will not do anything in Vir-

men in between.

a lot of the details of Irangate when he testified on the stand.

"Please, sir, give Ollie his gun back. A person can't run in a Senate campaign in this country anymore unless he can shoot from the hip."

For Christian De Sica, a Foray Into Realism

By Ken Shulman

ROME — Alessandro Haber paces petulantly through the low-ceilinged, fluorescently lit. claustrophobic hospital corridor, repeating his lines in an obsessive chain as if searching for the right spell to propel him through the upcoming scene. The 47-year-old Italian character actor is between takes in Christian De Sica's "Uomini, Uomini, Uomini" (Men, Men, Men) of a scene in which his character, a middle-aged doctor named Bernardo Piccioni, discovers that his HTV test has turned out negative after an initial mistake of identity gave him a positive response.

"Piccioni with an 'N." he crupts as the filming starts, shifting his tone toward the menacing as he excoriates the nurse who handed him the wrong result, "Not Picciovi with a 'V.' Piccioni with an 'N.'

And I nearly wet my pants."
"Uomini, Uomini, Uomini" is a film about four
men in their 40s united hy an indissoluble friend-

ship, and by their homosexuality.
"Italian cinema has always treated the phenome non of homosexuality rather lightly," says De Sica, who wrote and directs the film, and also plays the part of Vittorio, a gay architect whose companion of 25 years suddenly decides to marry. In most films, he says, homosexuals are portrayed as "the usual ucens who shake their bottoms, or who trail off into dark alleys in search of adventure. The reality of the life of gay men is quite different. And I wanted to make a film that told the truth.

Christian De Sica, 43, is an unlikely exponent for dramatic, realistic cinema. He is the son of Vittorio De Sica, the director of such neorealist classics as "Umberto D" and "Ladri di Bicicletta" (Bicycle Thieves) and "The Garden of the Finzi-Continis." The younger De Sica is best known for his work as an actor in light, comic films about wealthy Italians on winter holidays at St. Moritz or Cortina d'Ampezzo. He began acting at the age of 18 when Roberto Rossellini, father of his then-fiancee, Isabella, cast him in a small part in "Blaise Pascal." Since then, he has acted in nearly 50 films, 30 of which have been major Italian box office hits.

De Sica is a talented performer and actor who gives the impression of never having tried to fully harness his gift, letting it canter instead in fitful, disinterested spurts. As an artist, he was almost like a wealthy heir who survived by selling occasional parcels of an immense patrimony, working in television, variety theater and in a series of desultory, slapstick films. Paradoxically, his apparently perfunctory approach to acting also created a widespread impression that he is gay, an impression not founded in fact.

He remains one of Italy's most portion actors, and one of its highest paid. De Sica is not in the least defensive about his choice of roles, "Most of the films I've acted in have been comedies of manner or farces," be says. "But I can tell you that in some cases it is easier to play a role in a Shakespearean tragedy than to recite some of the dialogue I've had to read." He recently acted in four television spots



Christian De Sica on set of his new film, "Uomini, Uomini, Uomini.".

risen 30 percent since the campaign was aired.
All this should change with "Uomini, Uomini, Jomini," De Sica's fourth film as director, and his first attempt at making a personal statement in film. This is Christian's own angle on homosexuality, says the film's producer, Aurelio De Laurentiis.
"The film is about how these four men conceive their own nature. I've left him complete freedom on this film. My role is decisive in a genre film, the type of film I usually make. But this is an art film, and must he fashioned hy the artist who conceived it."

Although a departure for both De Sica and De Laurentiis, "Comini" is only a calculated gamble. The \$2.5 million needed to make it is a fraction of what the producer usually spends on his annual winter holiday films. As additional insurance, the two men are also collaborating on a Christmas comedy, a film entitled "SPQR" that is set in pre-Christian Rome and stars the American comic actor

Leslie Nielsen and De Sica. De Sica's extensive experience in film gives him a hroad and solid base as a director. Like his father, he is more interested in dialogue and gesture than he is in innovative camera work and movement. He is an

for a hrand of cooked Italian ham whose sales have actor's director, and dreams of abandoning his own acting career to move definitively behind the cam-

era.
"The thing that most distinguishes Christian on the set is his absolute professionalism," says Haber, who has worked with most of Italy's leading directors. "He knows what he wants from an actor, but he is also willing to listen. We all kick the ball around

before and during a scene."

De Sica refuses to look at "Uomim" as an act of atonement or personal redemption. He is not peni-tent about his previous work. Even his father, De Sica points out, financed his neorealist films by acting in a series of popular comedies. Still, "Uo-mini" is hy far De Sica's most ambitious and heartfelt effort, and one in which he has invested, perhaps

for the first time, the full mass of his talent and soul.
"Neorealism was born out of a need to tell the truth," explains the director. "Out of a need to show the suffering, hunger, and tragedy of life in Italy after the war. This film, too, was born out of a need to tell the truth. To tell a story that I believe needs to

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The Getty Squabble: Museum Backtracks

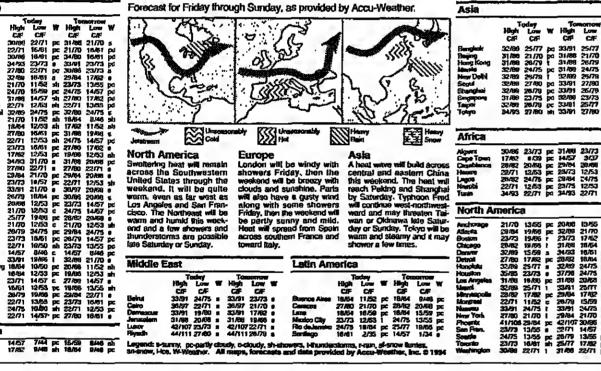
Timothy Clifford, director of the National Galleties of Scotland, tried to pacify John Paul Getty 2d on Wednesday after the enraged multimillionaire threatened to withfraw an offer of £1 million (\$1.5 million) to stop the export of "The Three Graces," a statue by Antonio Canova Scottish and English galleries have struggled to raise £7.6 million to match what the Getty Museum in California has offered for the sculpture. If they can raise the cash, the British government can block its export. But Getty threatened to call it all off after Clifford accused him of being motivated by a family feud. Clifford immediately apologized.

The stepfather of a boy who accused Michael Jackson of molestation is suing Jackson, claimlestation is sning Jackson, claiming he broke up the family by plying the boy and his mother with thousands of dollars worth of gifts. The stepfather and his wife separated last fall, the stepfather's lawyer, Danny Davis, said. The youth, his mother and his biological father settled the . molestation lawsuit for a reported \$15 million. The stepfather was not a party to the suit and got none of the settlement.

The American jazz musician and composer Bob Brook-meyer, 64, has signed a fouryear contract to conduct the Danish Radio Big Band in Copenhagen. Brookmeyer has played with Tex Beneke, Woody Herman, Gerry Mulli-gan, Mel Lewis and Thad Jones.

Move over Mick? Nick Dagger thinks so as his The Counterfeit Stones opened their world tour" at a rock festival in Leuven, Belgium. He says his group is probably the secondgreatest rock 'n' roll band in the world, after the real Stones that is. Said Dagger, flanked by fel-low band members Keef Rickard and Byron Wood-Taylor-Jones: "They do the big stuff, big stadiums, and we do the close, dangerous stuff"

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